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Annual Report

Town of
Newbury
New Hampshire



*Stunning views on Mount Sunapee's Newbury Trail.
Lake Sunapee (above) Lake Solitude (below) Photos Courtesy Syd Bryk*



Annual Report

of the
Selectmen, Treasurer, and other Town Officers
for the
Town of Newbury
New Hampshire



*A foggy November morning below the mountain.
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

For
the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2015
with
Vital Statistics for the year 2015

*Cover photo – Andrew Brook Hiking Trail
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

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Town Officers

Selectmen*

Richard Wright, chair, term expires 2016
Edward Thorson, term expires 2017
Russell Smith, term expires 2018

Town Administrator**

Dennis J. Pavlicek

Moderator*

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2016

Assistant Moderator

Steve Winter

Representative to the General Court

Karen Ebel
Dave Kidder

Town Clerk and Tax Collector*

Linda Plunkett, term expires 2018

Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector**

Martha von Redlich

Treasurer*

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2017

Deputy Treasurer**

Debbie Johnson

Trustees of Trust Funds*

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2016
Claire Vannatta, term expires 2018
Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2017

Library Trustees*

Pat Sherman, term expires 2017
Elizabeth Tentarelli, term expires 2016
Brad Sherman, term expires 2016
Lynne Tuohy, term expires 2018
Lisa Correa, term expires 2018

Newbury Member, Kearsarge Regional School Board*

Tom Vannatta, term expires 2016

Newbury Member,
KRSD Municipal Budget Committee*
Robert Hemenway, term expires 2018

Supervisors of the Checklist*
Al Bachelder, term expires 2021
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2019
Sue Russell, term expires 2017

Cemetery Trustees*
Paul Riley, chair, term expires 2016
William Weiler, term expires 2018
Chuck Kennedy, term expires 2017, resigned

Planning Board*
Bruce Healey, chair, term expires 2018
Tom Vannatta, vice-chair, term expires 2016
Robert Caia, term expires 2018
Russell Smith, term expires 2017, selectman, ex-officio
Ron Williams, term expires 2017
William Weiler, term expires 2016
Deane Geddes, alternate, term expires 2016

Zoning Board of Adjustment*
Peter Fichter, chair, term expires 2018
Steve Russell, vice-chair, term expires 2016
Dave Blohm, term expires 2017
Harry Seidel, term expires 2016
Sue Russell, alternate, term expires 2017
Alex Azodi, alternate, term expires 2017

Conservation Commission**
Katheryn Holmes, chair, term expires 2016
Eric Unger, vice-chair, term expires 2016
Charles Crickman, term expires 2017, resigned
Deane Geddes, term expires 2017
Bob Stewart, term expires 2018
William Annable, alternate, term expires 2017
Sue Russell, alternate, term expires 2017

Chief of Police**
Robert Lee

Chief of Fire Department**
Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

Officer of Emergency Management**
Wayne R. Whitford

Health Officer**
Wayne R. Whitford

Code Enforcement Officer**
John Greenwood

Highway Administrator**
Calvin Prussman, Jr.

Family Services Director**
Gail Bostic

Inspectors of Election**

Doris Newell
Claire Thomas
Jane Moss
Marcia Surette
Cindy Peterson, alternate
Steve Russell, alternate
Margo Steeves, alternate

Forest Fire Warden***
Dave Smith

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens***

Michael Bascom
John G. Croteau
Henry E. Thomas, Jr.
Ed Thorson

* Elected at town meeting

** Appointed by selectmen

*** State appointment

In Memoriam
Alice Lynn
1917-2015

Alice Lynn, a beloved resident, of Newbury passed away March 26, 2015. She is survived by her two daughters and their families. Alice will be missed by many and her "can-do" spirit will always remain a part of our community.

Alice was born on Baker Hill. She was the last surviving of ten children. Alice moved to Massachusetts for a period of time, but she ended up coming back home to Newbury.

Throughout her life in Newbury, Alice served the town in many ways. She was on the Planning Board, Scenic Byways Committee, Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Newbury Historical Society, and worked and volunteered at the library. Also, she was a trustee for the Center Meeting House. Always welcoming new challenges, Alice went to beauty school at age 50 and opened a beauty shop at her home while she continued to serve her beloved town.



As you may know, the tall spruce by the Center Meeting House that we light every December is known as "Alice's Tree". In September 1961 Alice planted the spruce when it was just three feet tall. In October of the same year while driving by, she noticed the tree was missing. When she stopped to see what happened, she found the tree on the ground. Undeterred, Alice replanted the tree and now it is a healthy beautiful spruce that has become a focal point of our community.

Alice's life was celebrated at the Center Meeting House and family and friends shared many happy memories afterwards. The plaque at "Alice's Tree" says it all:

"You loved your town and volunteered your time freely for all, you had a kind heart and giving soul, and will always be remembered here in Newbury."



*When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in gloom-filled rooms,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little—but not too long;
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me—but let me go.
For this journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And busy your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me—but let me go.*

-Betty Miller

Newbury's Natural Beauty

"Nature is not a place to visit. It is home."

-Gary Snyder

When we built our home in Newbury we wanted to see nature from every window. It was important to me and my family that our home afforded us access to as much of Newbury's natural habitat as possible – woods, the lake, wildlife, hiking trails, and mountains. For us, it was all about living where we could embrace nature to its fullest.

It is probably safe to assume that most residents of Newbury share these sentiments. Nature surrounds us as we move through our daily tasks and offers up amazing sights every day, every season, and every year. Our town is full of valleys, mountains, lakes, ponds and streams, and guarantees that from any elevation there is natural beauty to be seen.

We are surrounded by bodies of beautiful clean water – Lake Sunapee, Lake Todd, Lake Solitude, Chalk Pond, Gillingham Pond, and the Fire Pond – where residents enjoy swimming, kayaking, canoeing or fishing.



*Rainbow over Newbury.
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

Another popular waterbody is Andrew Brook, which runs from Lake Solitude to Lake Todd. The Andrew Brook Trail hugs the brook and starts on Mountain Road and goes to Lake Solitude, located on the top of Sunapee Ridge. It is a beautiful hike that many families enjoy all year. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) has purchased the property on Mountain Road in order to preserve the trail head there for generations to come.

Mount Sunapee reigns as one of the most prominent natural beauties in Newbury and is a sight to enjoy in every season. Just looking

at the mountain gives you a sense of serenity. But, for the more adventuresome, Mount Sunapee beckons with an array of activities for every season and every level of enthusiast.

Sunset Hill, located on Route 103A and Chalk Pond Road, was originally owned by John Hay and was used as farmland. Original cellar holes can be seen when hiking up Sunset Hill along with stunning views of Lake Sunapee upon reaching the summit.

The Fells is a historic piece of our town's natural history and is full of beautiful gardens, woodlands and a sizable span of undeveloped natural shoreline along Lake Sunapee.

As Newbury residents, we all partake in preserving our lakes and forests for our enjoyment, our peace of mind, and that of future generations. We could call Newbury our "happy place" since there is something about the beauty of our surroundings that leaves us smiling.

Pam Bryk

Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen

"Though government has an important role to play in meeting the many challenges that remain before us, we are coming to understand that no organization, including government, will fully succeed without the active participation of each of us.

Volunteers are vital to enabling this country to live up to the true promise of its heritage."

-Bill Clinton

The winter of 2014/2015 proved to be a very cold and snowy season. We all owe Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator, and the crew from the highway department, a great deal of thanks for keeping our roads plowed, cleared and safe for driving. The new loader and one-ton pickup truck with plow and sander that the town voted to purchase was put to good use this past year.

In March, the League of Women Voters held a "Meet the Candidates" night at the Veterans Hall. There were five candidates running for the two open seats for the Board of Selectmen. The candidates met with many members of the community and answered questions. A special thank-you to the League of Women Voters for hosting this event.



*Boat rides in the harbor on Old Home Day 2015.
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

The voter turnout for the town elections in March was good. The two seats for the Selectmen were won by Ed Thorson with a 2-year term, and Russell Smith with a 3-year term. A special thank-you to Gary Budd, outgoing Selectman, for all his years of service to the Town of Newbury.

In early spring, the Board of Selectmen voted to form the Bald Sunapee Safety Services Building Committee (BSSSBC), comprised of local architects, engineers and residents. The Committee was formed to find out if a new Safety Service building(s) could be placed on the Bald Sunapee site located on Route 103 adjacent to the library. After accepting RFQs and interviewing potential architectural firms, the Committee recommended the architectural firm of Dennis Mires in Manchester, NH. The Committee worked with Mires to create feasible concepts that address the immediate and longterm needs of the Newbury fire and police departments. Projected costs for the proposed project were also developed by the Committee for consideration by the town residents.

TDS Telecom began the process of running fiber optic cable through portions of Newbury.

The Board of Selectmen would like to thank all the volunteers who serve on the town Boards and Committees. It is because of their efforts that our Town is a better place to live.

*Richard Wright, Chair
Edward Thorson and Russell Smith*

Town Administrator

It was a good year for Newbury's local economy as businesses reported an uptrend in overall activity. The town motor vehicle registration revenues increased 12.5% and other town revenues, such as building permits, saw increases as well. We expect to see a continuation of these revenue increases in 2016 which typically translates into a lowering of the town tax rate.

2016 Budget

Once again, I want to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee for preparing the 2016 budget. At the end of the fiscal year 2015, our net assets increased by over 3%. For the first time since 2004, we have a Warrant Article (#2) that proposes a capital expenditure to be funded by bonds.

Warrant Article #2 proposes to construct new fire and police buildings. If the article passes, there will be no tax impact in 2016. The debt service begins in 2017.

Warrant Article #3 is the article pertaining to the budget. It shows an increase of \$124,301 in the appropriation amount. However, we have revenues that are increasing which will offset some of this amount. I expect the budget article to reflect a \$.01 (one cent) increase from the 2015 tax rate.

The major increases in the budget include the following:

- Elections: there are four elections this year.
- Planning: the Master Plan Update is in this year's budget.
- Financial Administration: we have returned a part-time position to a full-time position to adequately assist in the Master Plan Update and this year's revaluation.

Warrant Articles #4 and #5 are asking residents to add to the existing capital reserve and expendable trust funds. The amounts are determined during the annual planning process conducted by the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) committee. This annual process is an integral part of keeping our tax rate stable.

Warrant Article #6 appropriates funds for a new backhoe for \$151,500. The existing backhoe was purchased in 2003 and has seen much use. The article will be offset by \$35,000, which represents the trade-in of the old backhoe, and \$116,500 from the highway equipment capital reserve.

Warrant Article #7 appropriates funds for a new police Ford Explorer utility interceptor for \$24,471. We plan to trade-in a 2013 cruiser which has approximately 92,000 miles on it. We expect to receive at least \$3,000 for the trade-in, but the Board of Selectmen may send it to the state auction if the potential auction price is higher.

Warrant Article #8 asks the town to appropriate \$12,000 for audio/visual upgrades in the town office meeting room. This will facilitate sharing presentation materials to board members and the general public during hearings and public meetings.

Warrant Article #9 asks the town to establish a new expendable trust fund for the preservation of the South Newbury Historic Buildings and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the fund.

Warrant Article #10 asks the town to establish an Agriculture Commission. This article was suggested by local farmers.

If all of the recommended articles pass, there will be an increase of one cent in the 2016 tax rate from 2015. Our tax rate for the town portion has been stable for the past few years. The town tax rate in 2007 was \$3.71 and the town tax was responsible for 28% of our taxes. We are now projecting a 2016 town tax rate of \$3.84 and that will equate to 21% of your 2016 total taxes.

I want to personally thank the people I work with who make my job so much easier, especially the town office staff who always exhibit grace and humor with every challenge: Debbie Prussman, Pam Bryk, Patricia Sweet MacDonald, Meg Whittemore and Donna Long. Our town is very fortunate to have such a dedicated and capable group of professionals.

As always, thanks again to all of our employees and officials of the town who devote their time, talent and dedication to this community. Their collective efforts make Newbury the special place it is.

Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions on how your town can better serve the needs of its residents. If you would like to explore ways that you could be more involved, consider volunteering to serve on one of the many town boards. Our citizen volunteers are critical to us, so I hope you will consider volunteering in 2016.

*Dennis J. Pavlicek
Town Administrator*



*View of Mount Sunapee behind the Main House at The Fells.
Courtesy of the Fells*

Town Clerk

Debits

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permits Issued | \$443,870.19 |
| Dog Licenses Issued | 3,383.50 |
| UCC Filings | 240.00 |
| Boat Registrations | 9,280.98 |
| Vital Records | 2,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 379.40 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$459,654.07 |

Credits

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Permits Issued | \$443,870.19 |
| Dog Licenses Issued | 3,383.50 |
| UCC Filings | 240.00 |
| Boat Registrations | 9,280.98 |
| Vital Records | 2,500.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 379.40 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$459,654.07 |

*Linda Plunkett
Town Clerk*



*An amazing view from High Meadow Road.
Photo Courtesy Patricia Sweet MacDonald*

**Treasurer
General Fund 2015 Receipts**

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Received from Tax Collector | \$ 12,026,959.74 |
| Received from Town Clerk | \$ 459,654.07 |
| Received from Selectmen's Office | \$ 622,671.45 |
| Interest | \$ 925.41 |
| Total | \$ 13,110,210.67 |
| Transfers to/from Investment Accounts | \$ 147,199.69 |
| Beginning Balance January 1, 2015 | \$ 2,637,634.11 |
| Total Receipts & Beginning Balance | \$ 15,895,044.47 |
| Selectmen's Orders Paid | (\$ 12,772,959.22) |
| Balance on December 31, 2015 | \$ 3,122,085.25 |

*Jennifer J. Goin
Treasurer*



*Smokey the Bear visited Newbury's Old Home Day.
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

Investment Accounts

NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Balance January 1, 2015 | \$ 1,279.00 |
| Plus: Interest | \$ 0.86 |
| Plus: Deposits | \$ 0.00 |
| Less: Transfers | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2015 | \$ 1,279.86 |

Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Balance January 1, 2015 | \$ 117,975.32 |
| Plus: Deposits | \$ 0.00 |
| Plus: Interest | \$ 86.04 |
| Less: Transfers | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2015 | \$ 118,061.36 |

Conservation Commission

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance January 1, 2015 | \$ 77,400.33 |
| Plus: Interest | \$ 58.15 |
| Less: Transfers | \$ 0.00 |
| Plus: Transfers | <u>\$ 12,845.00</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2015 | \$ 90,303.48 |

Recreation Revolving Fund

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Balance January 1, 2015 | \$ 4,625.09 |
| Plus: Interest | \$ 9.82 |
| Less: Transfers | \$ 120.00 |
| Plus: Transfers | <u>\$ 24,552.50</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2015 | \$ 29,067.41 |

Lake Sunapee Savings Account

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Balance January 1, 2015 | \$ 134.57 |
| Plus: Interest | \$ 0.00 |
| Less: Transfers | \$ 0.00 |
| Plus: Transfers | <u>\$ 0.00</u> |
| Balance December 31, 2015 | \$ 134.57 |



Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Newbury, NH
December 31, 2015

| DATE OF FUND CREATION | TRUST NAME | PURPOSE | HOW INVESTED | % OF TOTAL | PRINCIPAL | | | INCOME | | | GRAND TOTAL 12/31/15 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------|------------------|------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| | | | | | 2015 TOTALS | | | 2015 TOTALS | | | |
| | | | | | BALANCE 01/01/15 | NEW FUNDS | GAIN/LOSS | BALANCE 12/31/15 | BALANCE 01/01/15 | GROSS INCOME | |
| CEMETERY FUNDS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Various | Various Cemetery Fund Names | Perpetual Care | Stocks & Bonds | 3.82% | 15,399.97 | - | 0.68 | 23,436.24 | 767.69 | (288.94) | 39,315.64 |
| Total Cemetery Funds: | | | | | 3.82% | 15,399.97 | - | 23,436.24 | 767.69 | (288.94) | 39,315.64 |
| LIBRARY FUNDS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1954 | Jennie J. Folsom | Library | Stocks & Bonds | 0.29% | 2,992.65 | - | 0.05 | 4.41 | 59.19 | (22.28) | 3,029.61 |
| 1966 | Shirley Powers | Library | Stocks & Bonds | 0.10% | 1,000.03 | - | 0.02 | 1.47 | 19.78 | (7.45) | 1,012.39 |
| 2000 | Patricia W. Steinfield | Library | Stocks & Bonds | 1.53% | 15,592.46 | - | 0.27 | 25.14 | 308.43 | (116.10) | 15,785.07 |
| 2002 | White Library Fund | Library | Stocks & Bonds | 0.47% | 4,750.14 | - | 0.08 | 7.06 | 93.96 | (35.37) | 4,808.81 |
| 2004 | Marion Smith Fund | Library | Stocks & Bonds | 3.08% | 31,306.93 | - | 0.55 | 51.57 | 619.29 | (233.12) | 31,693.65 |
| 2006 | Perkins Library Fund | Library | Stocks & Bonds | 3.07% | 31,256.97 | - | 0.55 | 51.49 | 618.30 | (232.75) | 31,643.08 |
| Total Library Funds: | | | | | 8.54% | 86,899.19 | 1.52 | 141.15 | 1,718.96 | (647.07) | 87,972.61 |
| CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1962 | Town of Newbury | Highway Equip | Money Market | 11.63% | 142,071.12 | 110,000.00 | 0.85 | 46.13 | 335.37 | (292.58) | 119,785.89 |
| 1971 | Town of Newbury | Fire Equip | Money Market | 33.63% | 236,184.23 | 110,000.00 | 2.47 | 156.14 | 843.96 | (818.98) | 346,367.82 |
| 1984 | Town of Newbury | Safety Service Buildings | Money Market | 1.20% | 10,097.48 | - | 0.34 | 2,285.61 | 32.30 | (37.13) | 12,378.60 |
| 1993 | Town of Newbury | Ambulance Fund | Money Market | 4.67% | 44,498.62 | - | 0.08 | 3,581.30 | 125.41 | (144.17) | 48,061.24 |
| 1996 | Town of Newbury | Recreational Facility | Money Market | 1.10% | (692.75) | 11,000.00 | 0.00 | 964.37 | 23.46 | (11.85) | 11,283.23 |
| 1997 | Town of Newbury | Bridges | Money Market | 0.04% | 408.71 | - | 0.00 | 0.01 | 1.07 | (1.23) | 408.56 |
| Total Capital Reserve Funds: | | | | | 52.27% | 432,567.41 | 3.76 | 7,033.55 | 1,361.56 | (1,305.94) | 538,285.34 |
| GENERAL TRUST FUNDS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1977 | Town of Newbury | Dock Repairs | Money Market | 8.41% | 74,550.68 | 12,000.00 | 0.62 | 34.32 | 219.36 | (235.68) | 86,569.30 |
| 1964 | Town of Newbury | Town Bldgs | Money Market | 5.98% | 41,496.85 | 20,000.00 | 0.44 | 112.45 | 149.90 | (144.82) | 61,614.81 |
| 1995 | Town of Newbury | Office Equip | Money Market | 2.06% | 16,637.48 | 6,000.00 | 0.15 | 13.67 | 53.39 | (54.54) | 21,249.15 |
| 2002 | Town of Newbury | Milfoil | Money Market | 0.30% | 3,079.47 | 5,000.00 | 0.02 | 1.55 | 8.04 | (9.24) | 3,079.84 |
| 2004 | Town of Newbury | Cemetery Maint | Money Market | 1.45% | 12,297.65 | 2,600.00 | 0.11 | 7.63 | 37.47 | (39.50) | 14,902.75 |
| 2006 | Town of Newbury | Fire Dept - PPE | Money Market | 9.89% | 90,002.76 | 10,000.00 | 0.73 | 1,900.09 | 260.39 | (285.60) | 101,878.37 |
| 2014 | Town of Newbury | Paving Fund | Money Market | 7.29% | 25,000.75 | 50,000.00 | 0.54 | 1.25 | 168.63 | (125.12) | 75,046.06 |
| Total General Trust Funds: | | | | | 35.38% | 263,065.04 | 2.60 | 2,070.96 | 897.18 | (894.49) | 364,340.29 |
| GRAND TOTALS: | | | | | 100% | 797,931.61 | 8.55 | 32,681.90 | 4,745.39 | (3,136.44) | 1,029,915.88 |

Tax Collector's Reports
Summary of Tax Accounts Fiscal Year
Ended 12/31/2015



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

**2015
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| Debits | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) | | | |
| | | | Year: 2014 | Year: 2013 | Year: 2012 | |
| Property Taxes | 3110 | | \$502,320.39 | | | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | | \$4,897.00 | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | | \$172.37 | | | |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | | | | | |
| Other Taxes | 3189 | | \$33,535.34 | | | |
| Property Tax Credit Balance ? | | | | | | |
| Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ? | | | | | | |

| Taxes Committed This Year | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | 2014 | Prior Levies |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|------|--------------|
| Property Taxes | 3110 | \$11,454,974.00 | | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | \$26,740.00 | | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | \$7,698.99 | | |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | \$538.40 | | |
| Other Taxes | 3189 | \$263,520.00 | | |
| - | | | | |
| Add Line | | | | |

| Overpayment Refunds | Account | Levy for Year of this Report | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|--|---------|---------------------------------|-------------|------|------|
| Property Taxes | 3110 | \$9,922.00 | \$3,562.99 | | |
| Resident Taxes | 3180 | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 3120 | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | 3185 | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | 3187 | | | | |
| - | | | | | |
| Add Line | | | | | |
| Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | 3190 | \$7,314.64 | \$30,714.36 | | |
| Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes | 3190 | | | | |

| | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Total Debits | \$11,770,708.03 | \$575,202.45 | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--|--|



New Hampshire
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| Credits | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------|
| Remitted to Treasurer | Levy for Year of this Report | 2014 | Prior Levies 2013 | 2012 |
| Property Taxes | \$10,974,593.31 | \$507,148.79 | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | \$23,935.00 | \$4,897.00 | | |
| Yield Taxes | \$6,883.52 | \$172.37 | | |
| Interest (Include Lien Conversion) | \$7,239.64 | \$30,745.06 | | |
| Penalties | \$75.00 | \$75.00 | | |
| Excavation Tax | \$279.64 | | | |
| Other Taxes | \$232,071.95 | \$33,455.23 | | |
| Conversion to Lien (Principal Only) | | | | |
| <input type="text"/> | | | | |
| <input type="button" value="Add Line"/> | | | | |
| Discounts Allowed | | | | |

| Abatements Made | Levy for Year of this Report | 2014 | Prior Levies 2013 | 2012 |
|---|------------------------------|----------|-------------------|------|
| Property Taxes | \$22.00 | \$385.00 | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | | | | |
| Excavation Tax | \$258.76 | | | |
| Other Taxes | | | | |
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| Current Levy Deeded | \$19.00 | | | |

| Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080 | Levy for Year of this Report | 2014 | Prior Levies 2013 | 2012 |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------|
| Property Taxes | \$490,261.69 | | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | \$2,805.00 | | | |
| Yield Taxes | \$815.47 | | | |
| Excavation Tax | | | | |
| Other Taxes | \$31,448.05 | | | |
| Property Tax Credit Balance ? | | (\$1,676.00) | | |
| Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ? | | | | |

| Total Credits | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|------|
| | \$11,770,708.03 | \$575,202.45 | |



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Summary of Debits

| | Last Year's Levy | Prior Levies (Please Specify Years) | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | Year: 2014 | Year: 2013 | Year: 2012 |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year | | \$102,813.59 | \$88,548.46 | \$3,099.07 |
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Year | \$172,529.13 | | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) | \$2,067.29 | \$5,678.33 | \$31,375.65 | \$1,742.09 |
| - Mortgage and Deed Research Costs | \$2,891.00 | \$950.07 | \$923.65 | |
| - Unredeemed Interest and Bad Check Fees | | \$230.96 | | |
| Add Line | | | | |
| Total Debits | \$177,487.42 | \$109,672.95 | \$120,847.76 | \$4,841.16 |

Summary of Credits

| | Last Year's Levy | Prior Levies | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Redemptions | \$46,128.62 | \$28,829.06 | \$83,627.30 | \$3,099.07 |
| - Mortgage and Deed Research Costs | \$1,813.94 | \$313.76 | \$892.65 | |
| - Bad Check Fees | | \$25.00 | | |
| Add Line | | | | |
| Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190 | \$2,058.80 | \$5,884.29 | \$31,375.65 | \$1,742.09 |
| - Mortgage and Deed Research Costs Deeded to Town | \$13.00 | \$13.00 | \$31.00 | |
| - Unredeemed Interest and Back Check Fees | \$1,072.55 | | | |
| Add Line | | | | |
| Abatements of Unredeemed Liens | \$192.08 | \$623.31 | | |
| Liens Deeded to Municipality | \$61.02 | \$58.87 | \$38.47 | |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110 | \$126,147.41 | \$73,925.66 | \$4,882.69 | |
| Total Credits | \$177,487.42 | \$109,672.95 | \$120,847.76 | \$4,841.16 |

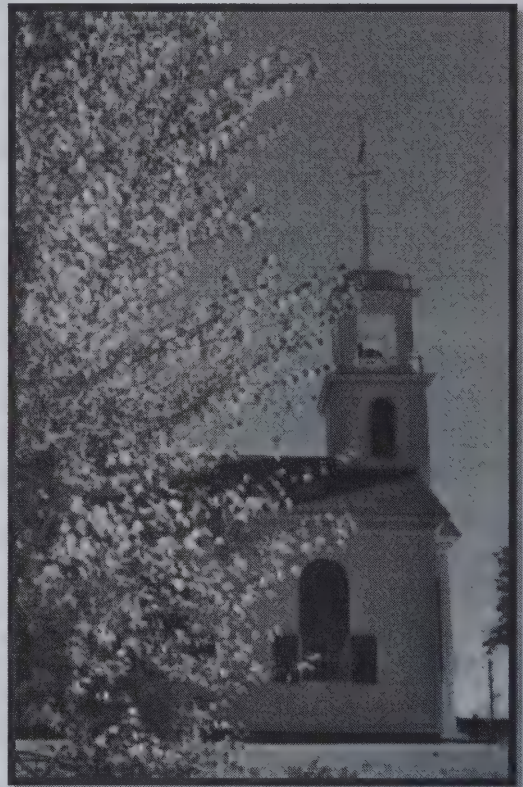
Newbury Assessor's Office

2015 was the 10th anniversary of the innovative Tri-Town Joint Assessing Program. Newbury, New London and Sunapee continue to be the only Assessing Cooperative in New Hampshire and the three towns enjoy continued success under this arrangement. Since 2005, we have completed seven revaluations in the three towns and have come to know the taxpayers and the properties. As a result, we are fully vested in providing fair and equitable assessments for all property owners.

Each municipality receives equal coverage via the Assessors' rotating schedules. A revaluation in the Town of Sunapee was finalized in September and a revaluation in Newbury is underway. Newbury's last revaluation was done in 2011 and, in accordance with the State Constitution, a revaluation is required once every five years. Newbury's revaluation will be completed by September 2016.

What is a revaluation? Every property sold in the past 18 to 24 months is analyzed including vacant land sales, sales of improved properties, and, if necessary, sales of like properties in other towns. Letters are sent to new buyers in all three towns in order to understand the circumstances of a sale. Also, we request an inspection of the home in order to view the interior condition and verify the exterior measurements. Many times we are asked if an interior inspection is necessary and our answer is always the same: "Yes".

The mandate to this office is to provide fair and equitable assessments, so that everyone is paying their fair share of the property tax pie. To achieve that goal, property information must be accurate. Our data gathering requires information on the interior condition of a home including the finished living area, bedrooms, bathrooms, and updates. Necessary questions we ask include: Did the prior owner get the necessary building permits? Are there outbuildings unknown to us? If the assessor has never been inside, or has not been to the property since improvements were made, then the assessed value is likely to be less accurate.



*Center Meeting House.
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

Transparency. We take pride in being transparent which is why we have an online GIS / property record card available on the Town of Newbury's website at www.newburynh.org. On the website, go to Assessing Department, click "online database". There are also instructions on "how to read your property card". If you have questions regarding your property card, please call Patricia Sweet-MacDonald at (603) 763-4940 ext. 201, or email Patricia@newburynh.org.

Every November the State of New Hampshire measures the Town's assessing performance. The process is called Equalization and compares the current assessment to the sale price of real estate transfers that occurred October 1 through September 30 of the preceding year. Sales that are not arms-length transactions are removed in this process. The result ensures that the town's overall ratio is not skewed.

During the past five years, the Town of Newbury has performed very well within the State of New Hampshire's standards of 90% to 110% of market value. These overall statistics are studied and then segregated by property type in order to understand where adjustments to values may be needed. Below are statistics we are currently analyzing:

| <u>State of NH Equalization Ratio</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Overall Median Ratio | 97.4 % | 94.9 % |
| Single Family | 98.4% | 100.7% |
| Waterfront (all) | 99.6% | 87.6% |

As shown above, 2015 showed market value improvement overall but was influenced by direct/indirect waterfront sales. Waterfront sales make up 50% of the tax base but only represent 20% of the parcel count. We continue to monitor current sales in order to predict the future statistical trend.

As 2016 unfolds, the Tri-Town Joint Assessors will be busy in Newbury during the revaluation process. When the revaluation is completed, all property owners will receive a letter with their new assessed property value. The State requires that we arrive at market value. Your assessed value may change or stay the same, depending on property type, condition and location. Please go to the town http://newburynh.org/Public_Documents/NewburyNH_Assessor to view documentation to help understand the assessing process further.

Finally, our thanks goes out to the Board of Selectmen and Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, for their ongoing support. Kudos to our "right hand" Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, Land Use & Assessing Administrator, for all she does to assist us. Most of all, our thanks to the taxpayers for whom we ultimately work. We thank you for the respect, kindness and understanding you have shown us over the years.

Normand Bernaiche, Chief Assessor
Kristen McAllister, Assessor

**Summary Inventory of Valuation
2015 Assessed Valuation**

| Value of Land Only | | | |
|--|--------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | Acres | Valuation | Totals |
| Current Use | 11,960 | \$618,707 | |
| Residential | 5,369 | \$360,617,886 | |
| Commercial/Industrial | 1,447 | \$8,476,660 | |
| Farm Land | 2 | \$654 | |
| Total of Land | 18,777 | | \$369,713,907 |
| Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable | 2,685 | (\$35,945,718) | |
| Value of Buildings Only | | | |
| Residential | | \$310,387,960 | |
| Manufactured Housing | | \$287,200 | |
| Commercial/Industrial | | \$22,146,140 | |
| Farm Structures | 12 | \$87,300 | |
| Total of Buildings | | | \$332,908,600 |
| Tax Exempt & Non Taxable | | (\$13,290,000) | |
| Public Utilities | | | |
| Electric | | | \$5,000,000 |
| Water | | | |
| Valuation Before Exemptions | | | \$707,622,507 |
| Blind Exemptions (Number: 0) | | \$0 | \$0 |
| Elderly/Disabled Exemptions (Number: 5) | | \$330,000 | \$330,000 |
| Wood Heating/Wind/Solar Exemptions (Number: 10) | | \$50,000 | \$50,000 |
| Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions | | | \$380,000 |
| Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed | | | \$707,242,507 |
| Revenues Received From Payments in Lieu of Taxes | | \$26,000 | |
| State and Federal Forest Land Recreation and/or Flood Control Land | | \$425 | |

Tax Credit

| | Limit | Number | Tax Credit |
|----------------------------------|---------|--------|------------|
| Totally and Permanently Disabled | \$2,000 | 5 | \$10,000 |
| Veterans, Spouses, and Widows | \$500 | 126 | \$63,000 |
| Total War Service Credits | | 129 | \$73,000 |



*Trees in full bloom at the Town Office.
Photo Courtesy Kathryn Holmes*

Inventory of Town Property

| Location | Assessed Value | Use |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Newbury Traffic Circle | \$ 31,800 | Cemetery |
| 365 Bowles Road | 2,589,100 | Sewer treatment lagoons |
| Chestnut Road | 1,700 | Vacant land |
| Park 10 Road | 1,800 | Vacant land |
| 937 Route 103 | 915,400 | Town Office/Library |
| Route 103A | 403,600 | Lakeside Cemetery |
| Off Route 103 | 1,100 | Old Railroad Bed |
| 952 Route 103 | 768,200 | Safety Services Building |
| 967 Route 103 | 567,600 | Parking and Docks |
| 977 Route 103 | 612,500 | Beach/Train Station |
| Route 103 | 1,098,100 | Info Booth/Caboose |
| Lakeview Avenue | 17,700 | Vacant land |
| Stoney Brook Road | 20,500 | Bean Cemetery |
| Baker Hill Road | 23,800 | Baker Hill Cemetery |
| Off Chalk Pond Road | 500 | Vacant land |
| Chalk Pond Road | 32,300 | Vacant land |
| Blodgett Brook Road | 33,900 | Vacant land |
| Old County Road South | 17,400 | Vacant land |
| Bartlett Road | 38,100 | Vacant land |
| Off Province Road | 30,100 | Cemetery |
| Old Post Road | 591,200 | Fishersfield Park |
| Route 103 | 6,800 | Vacant land |
| Route 103/Colburn Farm Rd. | 4,800 | Vacant land |
| Mountain Road/Route 103 | 46,800 | Vacant land |
| Newell Road | 29,800 | Marshall Cemetery |
| Pleasant View/South Roads | 32,900 | Booth Sherman Cemetery |
| 20 Sutton Road | 205,900 | Old Highway Shed |
| Sutton Road | 1,000 | Simon's Cemetery |
| Sutton Road | 19,000 | Vacant land |
| Pleasant View Road | 13,800 | Vacant land |
| Stone Wall Lane | 5,000 | Vacant land |
| 44 Pine Street | 88,000 | Blodgett Fire Station |
| 7 Sutton Road | 107,000 | Storage Shed |
| 133 Village Road | 301,600 | Sherman Hall/Grange Hall |
| Southgate Road | 12,100 | Fire Pond |
| Washington Street | 94,900 | Town Park |
| Washington Street | 94,900 | Town Park |
| 201 Old Post Road | 122,100 | Transfer Station |
| Brookside Road | 29,100 | Vacant land |
| 33 Lake Avenue | 185,900 | Blodgett Docks |
| Skytop Drive | 21,200 | Vacant land |
| 50 South Road | 843,500 | Highway Garage |
| Stone Wall Lane | 2,500 | Vacant |
| TOTAL | \$10,065,000 | |

Note: Vacant land includes dry hydrant locations, easements, retention ponds, etc.

Budget Committee

“The budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our value and aspirations.”

-Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of Treasury

The town Budget Committee is responsible for the preparation of the town budget and its attendant warrant articles for the ensuing fiscal year. The Committee meets biweekly, in public session, as a portion of the regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meetings from mid-October until the public hearing in February of the following year. It is comprised of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and three appointed Newbury residents.

The Committee thoroughly reviews the individual line-item budget proposals as submitted by each of the municipal department heads, boards, trustees and commissions. In most cases, the department head or representative chairperson is present during the scheduled budget proposal and review session to provide clarity and rationale. During the procedure, the budget proposals undergo a comparative analysis with previous and current budgets. The proposals may or may not be altered by the consensus of the Committee. A properly noticed public hearing on the 2016 proposed budget and warrant articles was held on February 8, 2016. The final budget and warrant articles were then approved by the Board of Selectmen for presentation at the annual Town Meeting.

This year the Committee made an earnest effort to create a practical budget by integrating the efficient fiscal management practices of the past year with the projected future needs of the town. Thanks to the concerted efforts of all involved, the Committee was able to create a low impact, and sustainable, general operations budget proposal for 2016. The 2016 proposed budget and warrant articles will reflect a projected tax rate of \$3.84 or less than 1% above that in 2015.

The warrant articles reflect agenda items to be voted on by those present at Town Meeting. Items that go to a vote include the annual operations budget, amendments to by-laws, zoning ordinances, and any other business that may come before the meeting.

Examples for the 2016 meeting include Article #7, audio/video upgrades for the Community Room; Article #8, establishment of a South Newbury Buildings Preservation Expendable Trust Fund; and Article #9, the establishment of an Agriculture Commission. In addition, several of the proposed warrant articles will request raising and appropriating funds to be placed in existing capital reserve and maintenance expendable trust funds. Article #5 requests the withdrawal of funds from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a new backhoe.

The Budget Committee hereby recommends the passage of the proposed 2016 budget and all attending warrant articles as submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Richard Wright, Russell Smith, Ed Thorson, Selectmen

Dennis J. Pavlicek, Town Administrator

Ivor Freeman, Joy Nowell and Tom Vannatta, At-Large Members

Newbury Public Library

Newbury Public Library Board of Trustees Report

This year there was an increase in both patron visits and circulation statistics. There were also changes in staff. Our beloved long-time children's librarian, Jane Moss, retired early in 2015. Our sincere thanks to Jane for her years of encouraging a love of books and libraries in our youngest readers. Lea McBain, our assistant director, took over the children's story hour, in addition to running her own very popular programs for school-aged youth.

Director Rosie Johnson announced her early retirement so that she can pursue the many other activities she enjoys. The trustees conducted a formal search for a new director, receiving applications from people in seven states. After careful consideration we decided that Lea McBain would be the right person to become director, which will happen when Rosie retires at the end of January 2016. Many thanks to Rosie for her ten years of service, during which she oversaw tremendous growth in our library in patronage, programs and new technology.

The town budget's allocation provides about 85% of the library's operating funds. In 2015 the staff pursued grants for supplies and guest presenters for the youth programs, receiving five grants totaling \$4,375. The trustees also conducted targeted fundraising to purchase rolling bookshelves and custom-built seating for the children's room. We were able to significantly improve the functionality of that space thanks to the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation, Lake Sunapee Bank, and Sugar River Bank. The library also received \$1,140 in donations in memory of Alice Lynn. Alice's memorial donation has been designated for children's books which was Alice's favorite part of the library.

The 5-year strategic plan, developed after working with a library consultant in 2013, is on track. In order to continue our outreach to youth and families we will hire someone to assume that responsibility when Lea becomes director. Lea also has ideas for more adult programs, so 2016 will be a busy year.

Please stop in the library or check our website www.newburynhlibrary.net to find out about school vacation week programs, after-school activities and all of our other programs for families and adults. Please visit the library often; it is your library.

Library Trustees

Liz Tentarelli, Chair

Patricia Sherman, Treasurer

Brad Sherman, Secretary

Lisa Correa, Lynne Tuohy Members

Director's Report

The library would like to thank the community for the generous support we received and for their continued patronage. The library had 1,974 registered patrons, and served 231 other public libraries through the New Hampshire interlibrary loan program.

Patron visits totaled 18,047 and checkouts totaled 23,501. In addition to physical items, 1,956 downloadable eBooks and audio books were checked out by Newbury residents using the New Hampshire State downloadable database. The library loaned 554 items and borrowed 1,235 items through the interlibrary loan program.

At year end, the library had 17,000 items on its shelves. During the year, 883 items were added and 542 withdrawn. The collection includes 40 periodical titles, 1,423 videos/DVDs, and 914 audio books.

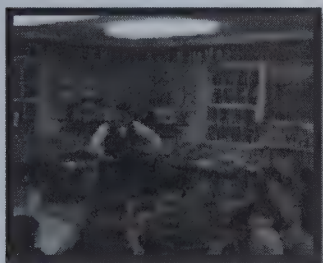
2015 Programs

Guest Author Events

New Hampshire native and renowned author **Ernest Hebert** read from *Howard Elman's Farewell*, the seventh and concluding novel of his *Darby Chronicles* series.

Betsy Woodman read from her newest novel, *Emeralds Included*. Betsy also presented a slideshow with historical photos of her family in India in the 1950s. There was a book signing after the presentation.

Ed Webster, author and Himalayan mountaineer, chronicled the link between early New Hampshire mountaineers and their monumental efforts to make the first ascent of the Himalayan peak, widely regarded as the Earth's toughest summit and the "Savage Mountain," K2.



Simon Brooks at December Family
Fun Day.
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain

Cultural Programs

Beat the Winter Blues – Randy Judkins, comedian, mime, juggler and unicyclist extraordinaire, tickled our funny bones and helped us chase away the winter blues.

Ecotourism in the Jungle: The Beauty and the Beasts of Belize - Ecotourists Liz and Ken Tentarelli described their tourist adventures in the jungles of northern Belize. They shared their informal research and slides of the birds, animals and plants of Belize.

Poetry - Newbury poet Dianalee Velie acted as moderator of our monthly Newbury Poets group. In April, Dianalee hosted a poetry reading and open microphone with guest poet Baron Wormser. This group meets the second Monday of every month. New members are welcome.

Reading Discussions

Open to everyone, generally held on the first Monday evening of each month. Copies of the books are available in advance at the library. The 2015 discussion included:

January: Favorite Winter Read

February: *One Doctor* by Brendan M. Reilly, MD

March: *Jana Bibi's Excellent Fortunes* by Betsy Woodman

April: *The Art Forger* by B. A. Shapiro

May: *Spider Woman's Daughter* by Anne Hillerman

June: *TransAtlantic* by Colum McCann

July: *One Summer* by Bill Bryson

August: *Howard Elman's Farewell* by Ernest Hebert

September: *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner

October: *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi

November: *The Crying of Lot 49* by Thomas Pynchon

December: *Primary Storm* by Brendan DuBois

Community Programs

Free Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening Program - Lake Sunapee Region VNA is in the library on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The VNA also held a Flu Shot Clinic on September 22nd. It was attended by 64 people.

Legal Seminar - Elder Law Attorney Edward "Ted" Beasley discussed how to protect your house and lifetime of savings from a prolonged nursing-home stay, how to avoid probate, and strategies for passing assets safely and efficiently. Gregory Gagne, of Affinity Investment Group, offered his top financial-planning tips.

Fly Tying and Casting Workshop - Dale and Adam from the Newbury Tackle Shack led a hands-on fly tying workshop! After learning how to tie a fly, the group went over to the Fire Pond and practiced casting.

Wine Cork/Cork Board Workshop - A fun evening with friends! Ann Stout instructed the group in the art of the mosaic cork board. The library collected corks from the community and some folks brought in their own sentimental wine cork collection to use. Everyone took home a cork board all ready for use.

Hatha Yoga – This slow-paced class taught by Laura Hansen has become a community favorite. This class continues to meet on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings. It is offered free of charge to veterans.



*Miranda Bardo reading at the library.
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

Introduction to Tai Chi and Chi Gung - Tony Hanslin led this 5-week class designed to help strengthen body, balance and mind in a fun and friendly environment. Originally developed for self-defense, Tai Chi has evolved into a graceful form of exercise that is now used for stress reduction and a variety of other health conditions.

Lotions and Potions – Lea and Rosie taught the group how to make all-natural lotions, sugar scrubs, and bath salts from scratch. Everyone took home their creations in jars and bags decorated for the holidays.

Children and Young Adult Programing

Preschool Story Time – Over the past year, toddlers, preschoolers and their families gathered at the Newbury Public Library every Wednesday for Story Time. We listened to wonderful stories, participated in dance and movement, played with scarves and shakers, and made simple crafts that highlighted the theme of the week. Story Time is an inclusive, fun place for children (and their parents) to learn, grow and meet new friends. We always welcome new families! After Story Time, families check out books before moving on to a variety of outdoor activities. Outdoor excursions included a visit to Newbury's award-winning Velie Playground, swimming at Newbury Harbor in the summer, or skiing in winter. Story time was held on 50 Wednesdays in 2015, with an average daily attendance of 10 children and eight adults.

After School Programs - Two after school programs ran throughout the school year: the Afternoon Adventure Club for grades K-3, and the Tinker Club for grades 4-5. The Afternoon Adventure Club focused on science, engineering, crafts and play, and each week had a theme to engage students, from marble runs to nature crafts and science experiments. The Tinker Club focused on

STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics). Students tried their hand at kitchen chemistry, squishy circuits and paper circuitry, needle-felting, writing challenges, and painting projects. Thanks to the LIBRI Foundation, children also had a large number of brand new non-fiction titles to explore that complemented the after-school projects.

Both after-school programs also had the opportunity to play with several giant games, purchased through a grant from New London Hospital's Wellness Connection. Children were able to build giant block towers, play pick-up sticks, jump around on giant floor pianos, roll around in outdoor play-balls, and try their hand at bowling. These games were high-energy fun that encouraged movement, teamwork and creative thinking. Some families even visited the library to use the games in the afternoons or weekends! After-school programs met for a total of 48 times in 2015, with an average of nine children and three adults attending each program.

School Vacations - During February vacation, Wildlife Encounters brought several animals from all over the world to the library for an interactive program on animals in winter. Children enjoyed being able to touch several of the animals and see them up-close and personal. Crowd favorites were Koda the arctic fox and a wallaby!



Tinkerclub having fun with some cool experiments.
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain

During both April and December vacations, we held Tinkerbox special events, where families were invited to play and explore a variety of STEAM-related activities, including snap circuits, light-up art, and marble runs. Children were invited to play, explore and invent. Imaginations ran wild! In December we also had the opportunity to play with several of the library's giant games. Total attendance for vacation programs in 2015 was 48 children and 34 adults.

Every Hero Has A Story - Heroes of all shapes and sizes were the focus of 2015's summer reading program. Events ran Wednesday afternoons starting in July and ending in early August. The library hosted a visit from storyteller Simon Brooks, who regaled us with stories of heroes in literature. Children became superheroes by participating in a superhero training camp. We met some hero puppets with Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals, learned how to be local heroes with the help of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), and explored the world of fossils and dinosaurs with the help of a superhero scientist. We had a total of 204 children and 95 adults attend the programs. The library also ran a summer reading contest and had a total of 58 children participating, up from last year's number of 49.

Teen STEAM - Teens had two events: Kitchen Chemistry and The Great Egg Drop with educator Susan Cowan Morse. With Kitchen Chemistry, teens explored states of matter with cornstarch and water, created slime and colorful bouncy balls to take home with them. The Great Egg Drop challenged the teens to engineer the perfect containers to protect their eggs as they plummeted from a great height. Teens created everything from parachutes to cushions, and we had quite a few eggs survive even second and third drops! We had a total of 24 teens and nine adults participate.

December Family Fun Day - The day started off with family holiday card and bookmark making, followed by master storyteller Simon Brooks telling winter tales. The day ended with the annual town tree lighting and a table full of yummy home-baked goodies at the Vets Hall!

Volunteers

Volunteers helped with many aspects of library operations. Volunteers in 2015 were Dave Barden, Deb Cady, Cheron Barton, Bob Bergeron, Lisa Correa, Jean Cole, Don Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Susan Giaccotto, Judy Hale, Stu Hale, Heather Jacques, Sarah Long, Nancy Marashio, Mike Moss, Bill Moulton, Liz Moulton, Maryann Murdough, Matthew Noyer, Mickey Noyer, Bradford/Newbury Boy Scout Troop #96, Linda Porter, Bree Sowle, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, and Dianalee Velie. For the year, volunteers contributed over 268 hours of labor, or about 5.5 hours per week.

Wireless Internet Access

Wireless access is available on library computers, patrons' laptops, and other electronic devices.

Computer Lessons

Ken Tentarelli of Newbury offered free individualized computer and Internet lessons.

Disabled Access

The library is wheelchair accessible and can deliver materials to the homebound upon request.

Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc.

Through our annual community appeal and book sales, the Friends of Newbury Public Library had another successful year of fundraising. We are a 501-c (3) organization that meets quarterly. All money that we raise goes directly to support the library including funding for all programs, enhancing the book budget, purchasing all DVDs, and supporting the technology budget.

From NH native Ernest Hebert to Betsy Woodman and Ed Webster, author programs were well attended and enjoyed. There were also musical presentations, hands-on craft programs for adults as well as children, and many other children's programs including the winter break and summer reading activities. All of these are sponsored by the Friends and we cannot do this without the support from the community. So, our thanks to all who contributed to the Friends campaign for another great year. If you would like more information about the Friends, check out the link on the library webpage or ask at the front desk for a brochure. We hope to see you this coming year at one of our meetings, or at the library!

Friends

Liz Moulton, President

Mike Moss, Treasurer

Paula Falkowski, Secretary

Judy Healey, Heather Jacques, Catherine Feeney, Mickey Noyer, Officers

Please visit your library. The trustees and staff invite the Newbury community to use the library. Most services are free. For more information, call (603) 763-5803, or go to the library's website at <http://newburylibrary.net/>.

Rosie Johnson
Director

Newbury Historical Society

It was another busy year for the Newbury Historical Society (NHS) as we moved forward with both new and long term projects and programs. The NHS continued to grow and more volunteers have stepped forward, allowing us to pursue multiple projects.

In April, the board honored Violet Jones by presenting her with the Bicentennial Cane. She is the oldest person in town at 101 years.

In May, the board appointed Marilyn Soper to fill a vacant seat on the board. Marilyn now is the head of the Membership Committee. She reports that our list of current members includes 32 life memberships, 41 individual memberships, 42 family memberships, one business membership, and six complimentary memberships – for a total of 122 memberships.



A group of kids from one of Newbury's summer camps on Sunset Hill.

Photo Courtesy Travis Dezotell

The annual meeting was held on August 2, 2015. The minutes of the 2014 meeting were accepted as read. Gay Sheary presented the nominating committee's slate of Margie Weiler, Bill Weiler, and Deane Geddes. All were elected unanimously. Following the business meeting, Tracy Messer reprised his power point presentation titled *Vanishing Newbury*.

History Committee

The NHS History Committee is composed of a group of people who enjoy researching the history of Newbury. Committee members include Deane Geddes, Chair, and volunteers Maralyn Doyle, Ashley Geddes, Paula Falkowski, John Lyons, Craig MacKenzie,

Marilyn Soper, and Bill Weiler. One of their research goals includes a survey of cellar holes and mill sites. This year the committee visited and documented four cellar holes. The committee also researches and answers specific questions for genealogists and others. Everyone is welcome to join us for our monthly meetings which are held at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Paula Falkowski leads a group focusing on the preservation and utilization of the old Town Hall. She welcomes your suggestions for the future use of this community resource, so please take a moment and send your comments to her at info@newburyhistorical.org.

Historic House Marker Program

The NHS Historic House Marker program is a part of our effort to recognize some of the fine old houses in town. It continues under the leadership of Gay and Marty Sheary. Total structures now displaying the handcrafted plaque are well over 30 and two more were added to the list in 2015. The board extends special thanks to Deane Geddes, Craig MacKenzie, and Bruce MacKenzie for continuing to produce these fine markers. If you own one of the many buildings still eligible, I urge you to contact NHS for further information and an application form. Since a recent change in eligibility, houses built 100 years ago or more are now eligible.

Archives

Deane Geddes has taken over the responsibility for monitoring the environment in the vault where the old records are kept. This ensures that the archivist is aware of any failure of the humidity control system. Deane was recently named NHS Assistant Archivist.

This year, the NHS donated one thousand dollars to the Richards Free Library to help bring past issues of the Newport area newspapers to the internet. The project, a joint effort of Bill Weiler and the library, used microfilm copies of the newspapers owned by the library. An outside company was used to digitize the images. The resulting files were processed with optical character recognition to create a searchable index. The archive is now online and may be accessed by way of the links section of the NHS website. The project was funded in part by a grant and large donations from other local area historical societies. This facility will be a very useful resource for historical research for years to come.

Collaboration and Contacts

We continued our collaboration with Partners Around Lake Sunapee (PALS) as we joined seven other Lake Sunapee area organizations in our annual publication of lectures, events, exhibits, programs and celebrations. The resulting brochure was mailed to our members and was available at the town library and various other places in Newbury.

Our web site, www.newburyhistorical.org, continues to change and expand under the leadership of Margie Weiler. Check it out to see what is new and what programs we offer.

The NHS Board meets on the second Thursday of January, March, May, September and November. All meetings are held at the town office at 7:00 p.m. Members of the public are welcome. The 2016 annual meeting will be held on a date and place to be announced.

This is your Society — we invite and encourage all interested individuals to attend meetings and become involved members. Additionally, we invite you to share your photos, memories and historic documents with us. We will gladly scan and return all items of interest.

*Bill Weiler
President & Archivist*

*Deane Geddes, Vice President
Claire Vannatta, Treasurer
Margie Weiler, Secretary
Paula Falkowski, Ashley Geddes, Gay Sheary, Marilyn Soper, Directors*

Center Meeting House

It is our vision to conserve the Center Meeting House for future generations and to make it a center for activities that will unite and enrich our community.

- Mission Statement at centermeetinghouse.org

Our annual June speaker series was a successful event. The theme, “Let Us Entertain You”, featured the different types of entertainment that came to Newbury in years past. We covered Summer Theater, Vaudeville, Big Bands and Summer Entertainment at Blodgett. As a special treat and fundraiser, we had a real live vaudeville show with “Wally’s Famous Vaudeville Troupe”.

On Old Home Day in July, the Veterans Committee held a flag retirement ceremony on the Center Meeting House (CMH) grounds which we hope will become an annual event. CMH’s day closed with a program co-sponsored by the NH Humanities Council, “Contra Dancing in New Hampshire Then and Now” followed by food and dancing at the Veterans Hall.

In September, the CMH hosted the Kearsarge Chorale Chamber Singers and all enjoyed the building’s amazing acoustics. October brought the book launch of Newbury author, Patricia Martin and her co-author Helene Houston’s book, *The Other Couch; Discovering Women’s Wisdom in Therapy*. Following the book reading, there was a discussion period with the authors. For Halloween, we presented the NH Humanities Council program, “Witches, Pop Culture, and the Past.” Program presenter Robin DeRosa focused on the Salem witch trials and separated fact from fiction.

Our Annual Thanks-for-Giving program allows us to honor those who truly give to our town. This year we cited the staff, volunteers, friends and trustees of the town library for all that they do.

The first Sunday in December found us bundled up to ring in the holiday season with carols and the lighting of the town Christmas tree, known as “Alice’s Tree”.

The CMH hosted a number of important family events – from the memorial service for Alice Lynn in May, to the baptism of Jackson Kermit Bashaw in November. The CMH remains available for your special events as well.

Summer Sunday afternoons welcomed visitors to CMH where a new gift shop was open in the vestibule. CMH ornaments, logo embossed glassware, note cards and photographs on canvas were available for purchase. Thanks to your support, we will be open longer next year and plan to have an art gallery and museum in the building for interested visitors. Please join us as a volunteer docent or an exhibitor. We will kick off this special event on Memorial Day weekend 2016.

March 17, 2016 is the date of our Thursday’s Child dinner at the Coach House restaurant in New London. Please join us to hear all the news about the new season at the Center Meeting House.

Thank you for your support.

Joy Nowell, Chair

Ivor Freeman, Vice Chair

Patricia Sherman, Treasurer

Kathy Bashaw, Secretary

Judy Healey, Maureen Rosen, Barbara Steward, Dan Wolf

Transfer Station

Another year has passed and not much has changed at the transfer station. However, there are some concerns about the recyclables bins.

Plastic and tin recyclable bin: This is for #1 and #2 plastics and tin cans only. Please do not throw in plastic bags, plastic wrap or aluminum cans. Tin cans are added to the plastics for weight and can easily be separated with a magnet. Magnets will not pick up aluminum cans. We have a separate container inside the building for aluminum cans and we do transport those to Claremont ourselves.

Mixed paper recycling bin: There are two problems with this bin. Corrugated cardboard and cartons that have a wax coating (i.e. orange juice and milk cartons) do not belong in the mixed paper bin. We know that sometimes it is hard to distinguish what is what, so PLEASE ask us if you have any questions about where you should recycle something. We are here to help.

Batteries: Normal alkaline batteries can go in the compactor. They do not contain hazardous materials. However, rechargeable batteries are hazardous. They contain cadmium, lithium and/or mercury. We have a place for them inside so they can be packaged as universal waste and disposed of properly.

The two new covers for the recyclable bins that we put in last fall was a requirement of our vendor in order to keep the bins free of ice and snow.

| Recyclable Material | For Year 2015 |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Aluminum Cans | 7,320 lbs. |
| Electronics | 18,166 lbs. |
| Paper | 95 tons |
| Scrap Metal | 44 gross tons |

If you are dropping off at the Metal bin please drain all items with gas and oil before bringing them in. We must now be free of hazardous liquids.

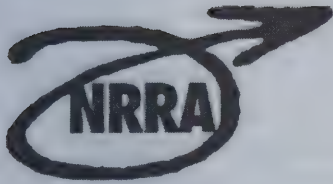
Just a reminder that the brush pile is restricted to 5-inch or less diameter brush and that burning demolition lumber (even untreated) has been banded across the state since 2011.

In the winter, items at the swap shop sometimes will get ruined and have to be discarded. If you would like to bring them to second hand stores, churches and hospitals in the area, they may be able to use them. We have a list of stores in the area if you are interested.

Please be courteous and move cars away from the compactor if you are chatting or picking.

Last, but not least, thank you to all those who recycle. Thank you for being courteous and helpful. We appreciate your support and your efforts to keep Church and me fed and watered through the holidays! Happy 2016!

*Churchill Heselton, Chief Operator
MaryEllen Wright, Attendant*



"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

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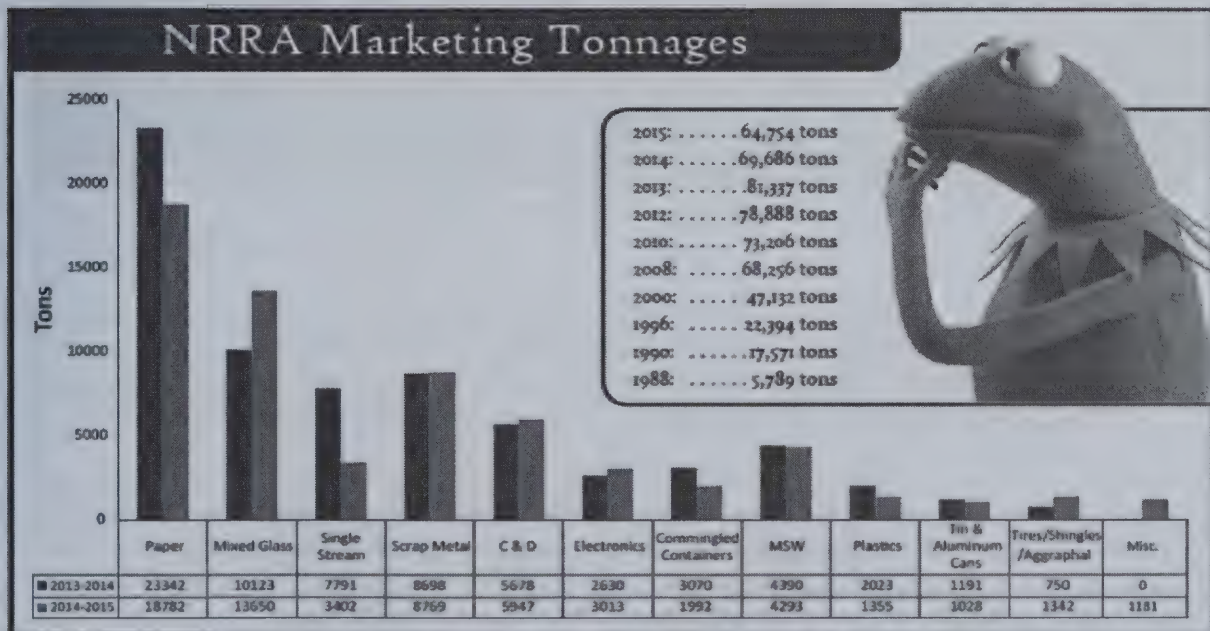
Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 35-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide;**
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our Monthly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, **members' only website**, workshops and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits;**
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles.**

NRRA membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 63,573 tons in fiscal year 2014-2015!



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at www.nrra.net

Information Booth

2015 was a busy season for the Information Booth. We saw 3,016 visitors from all over the world. Countries represented included France, Israel, China, Cyprus, Turkey, Russia, Scotland, England, Germany, Brazil, Italy, Romania, Belgium, Hong Kong, and Newbury, England. Many times on various days we saw different visitors from these countries. We also saw folks from almost all of the states in this country.

We fielded questions on all sorts of topics including hiking maps, boat launches, July 4th festivities, where to eat, campground locations, bathrooms, boat tours, where to swim, where to buy fireworks, directions to the Craftsmen's Fair, golf courses, bicycle trails, and boat rentals. We had a lady who was planning a memorial bus tour and she wanted to know who to see for meals and accommodations for her large group.

People come to us for information on just about anything you can imagine – and we either have the answers or we find someone for them who does! It's a very interesting job.

Mary Thayer joined us this summer and her presence was greatly appreciated.

*Martha von Redlich, Jane Johnsen,
Charles Killam*



*Lake Solitude located on Sunapee Ridge.
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

Recreation Department

It was another year of expanded and inventive programming for the Newbury Recreation Department. Thanks to our dedicated staff, we were able to offer new program curriculum, park improvements, our 3rd year of spring soccer, and a hiking and camping program.

2015 Highlights

- The running of the 5th annual Chicken Farmer 5k, which was both fun and well attended.
- An improved Hiking and Ecology Camp at the Fells, thanks to a great collaboration with environmental educators Kathleen Stowell and Nancy Brook from Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), and Pat Baldissard from The Fells.
- Construction of a second multi-purpose athletic field in the upper area at Fishersfield Park to alleviate the overuse pressure on the lower field. The Fisherfield F.C. soccer program will take to the new field in spring 2016.

Summer Programs: Our dual soccer camp offerings proved to be a successful combination for the fifth year in a row. We offered a shorter-term soccer camp in early July to complement our week-long camp in August. The Adventures in Nature Camp at Fishersfield Park proved to be a week of memorable outdoor activities including building forts, catching frogs, exploring the woods, and playing outdoor games. Ecology Camp at the Fells saw the fourth year of a new partnership with Kathleen Stowell, LSPA education director, who provided guidance for many changes to the 2015 camp content. Nancy Brook, LSPA environmental educator, helped with camp teaching and leadership. For the second year, we had a challenging wilderness camp experience. Campers met at Chalk Pond, hiked the Fishersfield Trail (a leg of the SRK Greenway) to Fishersfield Park, and then camped out overnight. We had two weeks of successful swim lessons this summer with many local children becoming more comfortable in the water and better swimmers. Some children even learned to jump or dive off the dock for the first time!



*Making new friends at camp.
Photo Courtesy Travis Dezotell*

Summer Concert Series: The Summer Concert Series enjoyed increased popularity with our Saturday afternoon shows drawing really big crowds. The Thursday night shows were again very popular and brought lots of folks down to the harbor during the week for a great musical evening on the lake. We really enjoy showing off the harbor area with such great bands coming to town and playing in such a beautiful setting.

Staff Salute: The summer staff had two employees who helped make the camp programs enjoyable and safe for all who participated. Peter Allen, an undergraduate at Plymouth State, and DJ Smith, a student at Kearsarge Regional High School, provided leadership to our campers and ensured that a safe and enjoyable camp experience was had each and every day. A big thank-you to Pete and DJ!

Fisherfield Park: Fishersfield Park had another year of increased popularity. The hiking trails were improved with two new bridge crossings that protect the wetlands area and help keep feet dry. Over 50 fallen trees were removed from immediate trail areas and 18 standing dead snags that endangered the trail areas were cut down. This is something we try to avoid because snags make important habitat for woodland raptors, but we must remove the snags that hang dangerously over

the trails. The soccer field received many compliments from players and spectators alike. There were 126 days of competition on the field from spring through fall, as well as 12 days of soccer camp. Also, regular usage of the field has gone way up. With seven teams playing on the field in the spring and three more in the summer and fall, we had major competition for practice space for our teams this year because there was so much competitive usage. In spring 2016 we anticipate seven teams and we continue to receive new requests for summer and fall field space. We now have several daily walkers in the park and have a great number of hikers using the facility on a weekly basis. With over 400 guidebooks being used this summer, it was great to see people out and enjoying the 5-plus miles of family-friendly hiking, as well as enjoying the 25 interpretive stations spread throughout the park. We also welcomed the Bradford Fish and Game Club to host its annual Kid's Fishing Derby at the pond in the park. This event meant the pond was stocked resulting in a great day for all. The Council on Aging, Kearsarge Elementary School at Bradford, and the SRK Greenway also hosted events at the park.

Cost-saving Help: The Recreation Department has focused on using the Merrimack County Work Crew for coverage of large labor efforts instead of hiring a labor force. The crew completes projects such as beach clean-up, painting of buildings, bridge building in the park, tree removal, trail projects, and some phases of overall grounds improvements. We used the crew this year for over 400 man hours, which resulted in quite a savings to the town.

Covered Bridge: In what was certainly a highlight of 2015, a covered bridge was constructed at



Adventures in Nature Camp at the covered bridge in Fisherfield.

Photo Courtesy Travis Dezotell

the main stream crossing on Farmstead Trail on the way to the pond. This bridge replaces an existing 3-foot wide deck bridge spanning the stream since the time of original trail construction. The new bridge provides safe access to both the pond area and also deeper into the park, and provides emergency storm coverage for users of the park pond and trail system. The design for the bridge was researched by Selectman Richard Wright who also constructed a scale model to aid in the construction. A call was put out for volunteers to work on the project, and construction of the bridge base was completed in fall 2013. In fall 2015, the two endcaps for the bridge were finished, which completed the weatherproofing, and the three layer, oak floor was installed.

This project demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism that punctuates our community. The Newbury Recreation Department greatly appreciates our volunteers. Many thanks to Kristie Lacombe, Kellie Spinney, Sarah Christie, Helen and Richard Wright, Stuart Hale, Bob Wilkonski, George West, Bob Blohm, Mary Thayer, Maureen Dezotell, Cheron and Bruce Barton, Theo Selby, Rich Seabury and many, many more.

Finally, what better way to hear about this year's programs than in the words of the children who participated:

Michael, age 7, from Newbury: "I liked the adventure camp because we got to roast s'mores and go to the ropes course at Mount Sunapee. I also did The Fells camp which was pretty fun. I liked catching bugs in the stream and going on a boat ride to test the water. Soccer camp was really fun,

mostly because my team won the final game. Newbury Soccer is more fun than other soccer camps because the coaches play a lot of cool games like World Cup instead of too many drills.”

Sophia, age 9, from Newbury: “Swimming class was fun because the teachers let you dive for bricks and seahorses. I also liked swimming to the big rock pile and buoys. The nature adventure class was probably my favorite because we got to go on the ropes course at Mount Sunapee. We did fort building which was awesome. I also liked geocaching because sometimes we found really cool treasures. I had fun at all the camps because I made a lot of friends and I think Mr. Travis is pretty funny.”

Brooke, age 11, from Newbury: “I play Fishersfield Soccer in the spring, I have been on the team for four years. The coaches are really nice and the teammates are always cheering you on. I get to hang out with my friends and play a sport that I love. It is always really fun even though it is hard work. I am lucky that I am able to play soccer in the spring because it used to only be a fall sport. I am looking forward to playing in the spring this year.”

*Travis Dezotell
Recreation Director*



*Camp trip to Mount Sunapee Adventure Park.
Photo Courtesy Travis Dezotell*

Bradford-Newbury-Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS)

2015 was a great year for BNSYS. We closed the year with a full Board of Directors, all of whom are committed to providing the best youth sports program possible. I am sure that their collective dedication will continue in 2016.

Our focus for 2015 was to rejuvenate our facilities, and that effort will continue in 2016. We built a new snack shack, which will open for the 2016 baseball season. Also, we began the process of restoring our playing fields to top quality. This project will take a ton of work, but it will be well worth the time to protect our biggest investment.

Another big change in 2015 was a new website. We did all of our soccer and wrestling registration online and our 2016 baseball season registration will be done online. All of the game schedules, directions, and other information are also online now. Please check it out at www.bnsyouthsports.org.

Wrestling in 2015 ended very well with several top three finishes at the state tournament. The upcoming season is starting off strong with 26 wrestlers. They are learning a lot and will do well in the state tournament in 2016. Good luck to all!

Our baseball season started off well with our annual 100 Inning Game. We had a great day! The rest of the season went well also. At the end of the season, Dave Kasregis took over as our Baseball Director and he will be in charge of the 2016 baseball season. Also, BNSYS would like to thank Rod McConnell for his years of service on the BNSYS Board of Directors. Rod has been a big part of our baseball program and many other aspects of BNSYS. Thank you Rod!

In soccer this year, we hosted a British Soccer Camp in June, servicing over 50 youths from 4-12 years old from our BNSYS communities. During the summer BNSYS facilitated "Youth Pick-up Soccer" at Warren Brook Park. The average attendance was 15 to 25 youths each evening. In fall 2015, BNSYS had nine recreational and two competitive travel teams, which served 126 youths ages 4 to 12. At the end of the soccer season, BNSYS hosted MVSL Jamborees for Grade 5-6 Boys and Girls, bringing over 300 attendees to the local area. Our 5-6 Boys Recreational team took first place in the MVSL tournament and the Boys and Girls U11 Competitive teams took 2nd Place in their divisions at the Capitol Cup in Concord. Congratulations to all!

BNSYS is a 501©3, non-profit organization whose sole mission is to provide quality sports opportunities to area youths while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation. Our revenue is derived from fundraising events, program participation fees, donations and contributions from the towns. The expenses incurred yearly are insurance and equipment. Funds are also used for league fees, uniforms, field/building maintenance, toilet rental, and scholarships.

All aspects of our program are based on volunteers. Without our countless volunteers, BNSYS would not be able to offer as much to the community. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer and support BNSYS.

If you would like to get involved please visit our website, www.bnsyouthsports.org, or contact one of the Directors. We would love to have you involved in making BNSYS the best youth sports program possible.

Theo Selby
President

Board of Directors

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Secretary: Justine Fournier
Baseball Director: David Kasregis
Softball Director: Jesse Griffin
Soccer Director: David Spinney
Wrestling Director: Erik Croto
Equipment Director: Robert Zielinski
Fundraising Director: Andrew Spiegel
Field Director: Rob Naughton



*Double crested cormorant visiting Lake Sunapee.
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

The Fells

The Fells is proud to be located in Newbury, NH and to be part of the Town of Newbury. There is a wealth of history that comprises so much of the town's people, businesses and geographic location. It is most certainly a destination point for visitors of all ages.

Mission: The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens has a mission to welcome people of all ages, making each visit an enriching experience with opportunities to explore and learn from our natural lakeside setting, renowned gardens, and the historic achievements of statesman John Milton Hay.

The Fells protects approximately 3,100 feet of undeveloped natural shoreline on Lake Sunapee and maintains the structures, gardens, meadows and woodlands for relaxation, recreation and edification. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a recipient of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance Achievement Award. This award was presented to The Fells for outstanding restoration and stewardship of its historic landscape. The Fells is also a Preservation Project of the Garden Conservancy.

History: After the Civil War, John Milton Hay established a summer home in Newbury to escape the pressures of a demanding career. He named his retreat "The Fells" (a Scottish term for "rocky upland pasture"). He served as President Lincoln's private secretary and gained experience in Europe as a diplomat. He later served as Secretary of State under Presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt and crafted many important foreign policies.

After Hay's death in 1905, his son Clarence and daughter-in-law Alice transformed the rustic retreat into an elegant estate and working farm. Their varied landscape included formal gardens, woodlands and meadows. Hay's grandson John also summered here. His experiences at The Fells inspired him to become a naturalist and nature writer, for which he was nationally known.

In 1997, after managing the estate for two years, volunteers formed a nonprofit organization known today as The Fells. In 2008, the organization became the owners of 84 acres of the original 1,100-acre site.

Highlights of 2015:

- In the summer, The Fells hosted a number of well-attended educational and ecological programs that included our Bus Stops Here elementary school program, and an Ecology Camp sponsored and led by the Town of Newbury's Recreation Department with collaboration and educational programming also from the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA). Our partnering with the Town of Newbury and LSPA is very important to us and we greatly appreciate the collective support and look forward to many other new joint programs in 2016.
- In July, we hosted Newbury Free Days in conjunction with Newbury's Old Home Day. In addition to our educational and ecological programming, The Fells hosted many popular signature events such as Concerts on the Veranda, Artists Weekend, The Fairy Festival, Hay Day Family Festival, and The Plant Sale.
- In September, we celebrated our volunteers (numbering over 300) who work tirelessly to ensure our programs, gardens and facility are always in top-notch form. The seasons are always made spectacular at The Fells by so many hands in the gardens, in the plant nursery, in the house, and all areas touched by those who share their time so generously. New volunteers are always welcome. There is something new to be learned and discovered with every visit or volunteer participation day at The Fells.

- The year concluded with The Fells beautiful signature event, *Christmas at The Fells* Decorator Show House. This year's theme was "Sleigh Bells Ring" and featured over 20 talented and creative decorators and designers from our area and beyond. The *New Hampshire Chronicle* "Windows to the Wild" with Willem Lange filmed earlier in the season and starred our docent, volunteer and Board Vice Chairman, David Bashaw. The *Boston Chronicle* did a spectacular filming of our gardens and aired just prior to *Christmas at The Fells*. The *Kearsarge Chronicle* also did a lovely segment on *Christmas at The Fells*. This happy and festive event was a great kickoff for the holiday season.

The 2015 season was educational, exciting and inspirational. We look forward to our 2016 season and are preparing to make it equally enjoyable and even better. We hope that you will be part of it!

The Fells is dedicated to providing high-quality and engaging programs along with fun-filled and inspiring events to be enjoyed by people of all ages. The preservation of our historic structures, gardens, natural woodlands, and the almost one mile of unobstructed shoreline on Lake Sunapee is in the hands of all who are in our area and beyond. We are the stewards. The Fells is a historic treasure and, as such, it is a special place. Whether you are a history buff, gardener, hiker, explorer, or a winter snowshoer, visit us soon and you will want to return again and again with family and friends.



*A beautiful summer day at The Fells.
Photo courtesy Deborah Ann Bacon*

For more information please visit our website at www.thefells.com. The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens is located at 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH 03255, phone number (603) 763-4789. For program and event information, email us at info@thefells.org.

*Susan Warren
Executive Director*

Newbury Beautification Committee

During each and every month of 2015, the Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC) actively planned or hosted one of the town's civic events.

At the March Town Meeting, the NBC members provided attendees with baked ham and beans and coleslaw amid raves for the number of variations of beans and slaw we were able to put on the table. Joy Nowell chaired this event.

April found us sprucing up the trails and picnic areas at Fishersfield Park.

In May, NBC brought flowers to Newbury with our annual plant sale. The NBC plant sale was a huge success thanks to all who supported us. The proceeds enabled us to fill town barrels, our boxes, baskets and planters with blooming beauty throughout the summer months. Visitors from all over New England stopped to marvel about our picturesque town. The plant sale co-chairs were Libby Laro and Susan Partch. Nonie Reynders chaired the flower color selection of colorful pastels. In addition to the annuals we planted, the Governor's Lilac and Wildflower Commission once again donated lilac bushes that now grace two of the entrances to the Veterans Hall.

Decked out in garden hats and watering cans filled with candy for the kids, the ladies of NBC marched in the July 4th parade. Also in July, NBC members enjoyed a tour of Proven Winners in Loudon, NH to learn more about propagation and gardening methods.

As fall approached, Mary Thayer chaired NBC's program participation in the Newbury Fall Festival held at the Velie Memorial Playground. In September, everyone had fun at our annual Fall Outing at the State Beach. Attending members were treated to a tour of the lake on a pontoon boat. This was followed by our 9th Annual Wreath Sale, which was held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This year's Wreath Sale was co-chaired by Steve and Cindy Peterson. Both events landed in the "huge success" column. If you weren't able to attend, you missed the experience of seeing our talented and creative NBC ladies and men in action!

Thanks to the success of our Wreath Sale fundraiser, we were able to "green the town" from every direction with wreaths, roping and bows. This year's greening was co-chaired by Stu and Judy Hale. Our special thanks to the businesses that purchased greens from us and to Ted and Diane Jones who contacted the town's diversified businesses on behalf of NBC. Their participation completed the "winter in New England" landscape we strive for each year. Thanksgiving was also our time to partner with the Center Meeting House to celebrate "Thanks for Giving" and come together for conversation and refreshments at the Veterans Hall.

In December, our year of events ended with the annual Tree Lighting which was co-chaired by Mary Thayer and Lusia Wilkonski. As in years past, NBC invited all to enjoy holiday sweets and goodwill at the Veterans Hall following the tree lighting.

In between the busy NBC 2015 event schedule, members enjoyed several wonderful programs including summer field trips, lectures, basket weaving courses, and kayaking at the Lake Sunapee State Beach.

At the end of the year, we purchased a newer golf cart and retired the old reliable cart to Bob's Beacon Marina in thanks for their past cart maintenance program.

NBC's philanthropic interests remained robust. We awarded our fifth annual college scholarships to Newbury's own Melynda Seaholm from Kearsarge Regional High School and Malachi Nelson from Mount Royal Academy. We also donated family passes for the Vermont Institute of Natural

Science and gardening magazines to the Newbury Public Library for our residents to enjoy all year long.

Without the support of our town administration, our selectmen, and especially the Newbury community we couldn't do what we love to do most – to aid the Town of Newbury in civic beautification and other civic endeavors. For additional information about joining our organization, membership forms can be found at the Newbury Public Library, Newbury Post Office or the Town Offices.

*Cheron Barton and Ed Wollensak
Co-Chair Presidents*



*NBC members enjoying a boat ride on Lake Sunapee at their fall outing.
Photo Courtesy Ed Wollensak*

Kearsarge Regional School Board

“The direction in which education starts a man, will determine his future life.”

- Plato, The Republic (4th c, BCE)

The Mission Statement of the Kearsarge Regional School District (KRSB) reads as follows:

“We shall provide an equitable and challenging educational opportunity for each learner in a district that is safe, healthy, caring, respectful and supportive.”

When that statement is combined with the district’s overall vision and associated statements of commitments to students and parents, the result is an alignment with Plato’s ideal view of the educational process.

Although my tenure as a member of the School Board has been brief, I can honestly attest to the high level of enthusiasm, effectiveness and dedication of the Board members, administrators, teachers and staff members I have met over the past five months. As a former educator and chief school administrator, I would have been proud to have known them as professional colleagues on any and all levels of the public school educational team.

The 2014/2015 school year ended successfully in June as noted by continued achievement in the areas of academics, individual student growth, and athletics. After many years of service as Superintendent, Jerry Frew retired. He will be missed and positively remembered by all who had the opportunity to work with him.



*Children enjoying the afterschool programs offered at the library.
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

In July, Winfried Feneberg was appointed as the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Feneberg comes to the district with many years of successful educational and administrative experience. He is currently guiding an improving and engaging educational experience for our students, as well as ensuring the continued professional development and expertise of our administration and faculty.

The 2015 summer middle school Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program experience for students was well attended. This positive program involved bringing students, faculty, community members, and businesses together for engaging, creative and exploratory topical and career enlightening opportunities. In addition, the summer reading program offered students the opportunity to select their own reading materials and/or books. The program had a 94% participation success rate.

Results of the Smarter Balanced Test were released at the November 12, 2015 meeting of the Board. Assistant Superintendent Stiles reported that students in grades 3-8 and grade 11 took the tests on computers last spring. English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics were assessed. All grade levels exceeded the state averages. In addition, our students' scores were equal to or higher than districts of comparable size. These scores will provide a baseline for the annual assessment and will serve as a tool to improve student learning and to identify student strengths and weaknesses.

The Board continues its assessment and completion of the multiple goals it set to address and fulfill its mission statement. The goals include: curriculum development, promoting healthy learning environments, maintaining safe and high quality learning environments, staff development, and communication engagement with families, businesses and community. The midyear assessment took place in December and will be reassessed in June 2016.

In March 2016 you will have the opportunity and responsibility to vote on four warrant articles as recommended by both the School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee. The articles ask that you vote to raise and appropriate recommended fund amounts to support the financial needs and obligations of the Kearsarge Regional School District. Each of the articles was presented for explanation, discussion and debate at the Annual District Meeting/Deliberative Session on January 9, 2016. There were no approved changes or amendments to those articles as a result of the meeting. The Board of Education and the Municipal Budget Committee therefore request your support of the proposed articles. With this support, the students of the KRSD will continue to be provided with the opportunity to grow individually, achieve their personal goals, and fulfill their dreams.

I have been honored to serve as Newbury's appointed representative to the Kearsarge Regional School Board for the past five months. On behalf of the 229 students from Newbury attending the Kearsarge Regional Schools: Thank You.

*Thomas W. Vannatta
Newbury Representative
to the
Kearsarge Regional School Board*

Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees were busy in 2015: information booklets for the Town cemeteries were brought up-to-date and distributed to the Town Hall and the library; Judy Healey resigned as a Trustee; Bill Weiler was elected as a Trustee for a three year term at the 2015 Town Meeting; and Trustees attended the annual NH trustee meeting in June.

Record Keeping

There were nine burials in 2015 with five casket burials and four crematory burials. Also, there were 11 other deaths – six out-of-town burials and five others going to the family. There was only one cemetery lot purchased. Burial and death certificates were catalogued and updated for this past year and are in the Town Clerk's office.

Veterans Honored

There are 185 veterans buried in our Newbury cemeteries. Flags are put on each gravesite every year and each has an appropriate marker. The War Memorial at South Newbury Cemetery was given a “make-over” by the Newbury Veterans. A bronze plaque was placed on the monument also.

Cemetery Property Care

The iron work for the Bartlett and Blodgett cemetery lots in Lakeside was completed. The old wrought iron fences were in bad shape and have been almost completely restored. The fences are newly painted also. The main gate at Lakeside Cemetery was repaired because it was sagging and could not close properly. Two grave markers and posts were installed in the Gunnison Cemetery which is located near the Mount Sunapee ski area. Once again, the Newbury Beautification Committee donated and placed holiday wreaths on the gates of several cemeteries throughout the town.



Cemetery History

This picture is Josiah Cutler's gravestone in the Lakeside Cemetery. Cutler and his family moved to Fisherfield from Dunbarton about 1782. At the age of 21, his father gave him 60 acres of land and Josiah cleared the land and set up a farm. Josiah Cutler became an Ensign in the local militia and was elected at town meeting as a bondsman for the tax collector. Cutler was promoted to Lieutenant and was elected hogreeve (responsible for impounding stray hogs). At age 35 he opened an inn and a tavern where he was allowed to sell spirituous liquors. The business continued until his death in 1813 at age 46. Josiah Cutler is the oldest burial in the Lakeside Cemetery.

Paul Riley, Charles Kennedy, & Bill Weiler

Planning Board

The Newbury Planning Board (Board) conducts regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Newbury Town Office. The Board may also hold periodic work session meetings. During 2015, the Board held 12 regular meetings and six work sessions.

The Planning Board is comprised of six elected members. Each elected member serves for a term of three years. One selectmen, or other town representative appointed by the selectmen, also serves on the Board. The Board may also have up to five alternate members, serving three-year terms, who are appointed by Board members.

The Planning Board roles and responsibilities in town affairs include Planning, Legislative and Regulatory.

Planning: In its planning capacity, the Board develops and promotes the Town Master Plan which is a collective community vision for the future development of Newbury. The goal of the Master Plan is to preserve and enhance the unique quality of life and culture of Newbury as identified by the citizens of the town. In 2015, the Board continued the lengthy process of an update to Newbury's Master Plan. The Master Plan update is expected to take 18 to 24 months and be completed in 2017.

Annually, the Planning Board leads the effort to update the Town's Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which is a schedule of Newbury's capital expenditure needs for the next six years. Particular thanks to the 2016-2021 CIP committee: Ivor Freeman, chair; Tom Vannatta and Ron Williams, Planning Board members; Mike McCrory, UVLSRPC, Planning Board Advisor; Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator; Ed Thorson, Board of Selectmen representative; and Bruce Barton at-large member.

Legislative: This role is one in which the Board writes and proposes town zoning ordinances and amendments for discussion and adoption at Town Meeting. The Board also writes and adopts, after public hearings, Planning Board specific regulations concerning property subdivision and commercial development.

Following numerous 2015 Board meetings and several joint meetings involving the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), the ZBA, and the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board drafted more than 20 proposed zoning amendments. In January 2016, a public hearing was held on the proposed amendments and the final form of the amendments go to a vote at Town Meeting. The proposed amendments are categorized as follows:

- Buildings and Structures
 - Building (amend)
 - Setback (new definition)
 - Structure (amend)
- Normal High Water and 100-year Flood Elevation Definitions
 - Mean Sea Level (amend)
 - Normal High Water (amend)
 - Reference Line (amend)
 - Water Surface Elevation (amend)

- Shoreland Overlay District: Waterfront Buffer
 - Tree Canopy (new definition)
 - Tree Cutting (new Section)
 - Waterfront Disturbance (amend)
 - Mechanical Timber Harvesting (new definition)
- Natural Woodland Buffer
 - Dead, diseased or unsafe trees (amend)
 - Tree Cutting (new)
- Administrative
 - Variance, area (delete per state law)
 - Variance, use (delete per state law)
 - Trailhead/Recreation Parking - Business & Residential (add)
 - Wetlands District (amend)
 - Flood Plain District (amend)
 - Wireless Service Facility (amend)
- Blodgett Landing District
 - Boundaries (amend)

Regulatory: In its regulatory role, the Planning Board applies the town ordinances and Planning Board regulations specific to the needs of an application for a subdivision or commercial development. During open public meetings, an applicant may choose to start a project with Conceptual consultation. Depending on the project and regulation, the applicant may proceed to a Design Review phase, or the Final Approval phase, which are both conducted in a public hearing.

Applications reviewed in 2015:

Major Subdivision - Conceptual (1)
 Site Plan Review - Conceptual (9) and Final (4)
 Annexation/Lot line Adjustments - Conceptual (1)
 Voluntary Mergers of Lots of Record (3)
 Conditional Use Permit for development in a wetland buffer (1)

I would like to thank the members of the Planning Board who have served, and continue to serve, on the Planning Board. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with this dedicated, knowledgeable and responsible group of individuals. Each is an individual asset to the Town of Newbury and they include Board members: Tom Vannatta, vice-chair; Bill Weiler; Ron Williams; Bob Caia; Deane Geddes, and Russell Smith, ex-officio, Board of Selectmen. Also, my thanks to Meg Whittemore, recording secretary; Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, land use coordinator; and Mike McCrory, UVLSRPC, Planning Board Advisor.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board members for their confidence in electing me Chair for the past several years. I have found the position to be challenging but rewarding work. It is my privilege to serve the needs of our community.

*Bruce Healey
 Chair*

Planning Newbury's Future We need your input!

In 2016, the Town of Newbury is asking for your help with updating the Master Plan for the community. The Master Plan is a roadmap to the future. It describes where, how, and at what pace a community desires to develop physically, economically, and socially.

However, a Master Plan is only as good as the information offered by the community it represents. With that in mind, it is time for all of us to participate and decide how we would like to guide change in Newbury over the next ten years and beyond.

To help with the complex process, the Town has hired Resilience Planning and Design (RPD), headquartered in Plymouth, NH, as the consultant on this project. RPD has outlined a comprehensive plan for gathering input from residents, businesses and property owners on critical questions including future growth trends, economic development, business growth potential, quality of life concerns, environmental issues, demographic shifts, and housing availability, among other topics. The information gathering is scheduled to begin in spring 2016.

The depth, accuracy and usability of the Master Plan will depend on your participation.

RPD will be using a number of methods to access your opinions, thoughts and conversations including a community-wide survey, interactive public meetings, and ongoing draft materials that will be posted on the Town of Newbury website (www.newburynh.org).

The Newbury Master Plan is a critical community resource. To reflect the future of the Newbury community, it must have the input from the Newbury community. So, please participate! Let's make the Newbury Master Plan represent the most comprehensive vision possible for our town.



*A beautiful spring day at the town center.
Photo Courtesy Kathryn Holmes*

Zoning Board of Adjustment

2015 witnessed a significant increase in cases for the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). The Board met 10 times, hearing a total of 13 appeals, some continued multiple times. Of the 13 appeals, 11 were for Variances, one for a Special Exception, and one Administrative Appeal. The complexity of the appeals continues to intensify, primarily driven by cases having significant potential impact on environmental concerns and pressures. However, the preparedness of applicants has also increased, particularly by the submission of Stormwater Management Plans for proposed projects.

The ZBA's mission is to adjudicate appeals to Zoning Ordinances and Administrative Decisions. The Board strives to balance the rights of property owners with state and local ordinances and to uphold the goals of the Master Plan for the Town of Newbury. ZBA minutes and decisions are available on the town website or at the town office.

The ZBA met several times with the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and the Code Enforcement Officer in an effort to clarify a number of zoning ordinance regulations. The meetings were used to bring specific regulations into alignment with RSAs, improve the clarity of certain definitions, and address identified ambiguities within the ordinance.

Board members attended the twice-annual conferences offered by the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP). These conferences are an opportunity for members to refresh their knowledge of rules of procedure for Land Use Boards and to review pertinent legal and legislative decisions.

The Board would like to recognize the dedicated support provided by Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, Land Use and Assessing Administrator, and John Greenwood, Code Enforcement Officer. Through their efforts, applicants are assisted in navigating the appeals process and the job of the ZBA is decidedly aided.

At the ZBA's April meeting, the Board elected Peter Fichter as Chair, and Steve Russell as Vice-Chair. The ZBA is composed of elected volunteers who contribute a significant portion of their time for the benefit of the community. If you have any interest in serving on the Board, please contact any of the members listed below or contact the town office.

Peter K. Fichter
Chair

Steve Russell, Vice-Chair
Dave Blohm, Harry Seidel, Members
Alex Azodi, Sue Russell, Alternate Members

University of New Hampshire (UNH) Cooperative Extension Merrimack County

From October 2014 to September 2015, UNH Cooperative Extension (UNHCE) served residents in all 27 towns in Merrimack County with diverse programming through 4-H, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Youth & Family. Residents benefitted not only from the Merrimack County Cooperative Extension staff, but also from over 50 Cooperative Extension state and field specialists across the state.

Our Mission

UNHCE is the public outreach arm of the UNH. It provides NH citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy. In response to the specific needs of NH citizens, UNHCE plans and conducts educational programs in partnership with local residents and volunteers.

Our Work For Merrimack County

Merrimack County Extension staff brings the research and knowledge of the university to county residents through hands-on workshops, site visits, seminars, conferences, phone consultations, video-conferences, printed materials, online resources, email newsletters, correspondence courses, strategic partnerships, a statewide toll-free info line, and a comprehensive website.

Our Program Areas

Food & Agriculture: We support the county's agricultural industries, including producers of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and livestock, through workshops and trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. **This year, at least 1,700 Merrimack County citizens attended training** in livestock management, crop production, safe food handling, pest management, agricultural marketing, pollinator protection, farm business management, landscaping for water quality protection, and more.

Our team of specialists and volunteers also provide education and technical assistance to home gardeners and citizens through seminars, publications, and through our Education Center info line. This year, the **Education Center volunteers fielded 323 inquiries from Merrimack County residents**, and the county's **Master Gardeners** contributed 1,068 volunteer hours, **making direct with 1,443 local residents**.

Natural Resources: Managing and protecting New Hampshire's natural resources is critical to our environment, quality of life, and tourism industry, as well as for current and future economic opportunities. Our natural resources team provides research, education, and stewardship throughout the state with a "boots on the ground" approach, extending state-wide programs in forestry and wildlife, natural resource development, land and water conservation, and marine fisheries. This year, **over 640 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education** from woodlot visits, telephone calls, and e-mail correspondence.

An additional 1,200 County residents participated in many educational events including emerald ash borer educational workshops, geospatial technology training (GIS), NH Maple, NH Land Trust Coalition work, Saving Special Places Land Conservation conference, Speaking for Wildlife talks, Stewardship Network, woodlot visits, and forest management services. Volunteers from the New Hampshire Coverts project and the Natural Resource Stewards program contributed almost 4,600 hours conserving and managing natural resources in Merrimack County.

Community & Economic Development: Our Community and Economic Development team (CED) provides research-based education and assistance to individuals, families, businesses, and communities to help identify opportunities to enhance their competitive advantage, build upon their assets, and create conditions that foster local and regional economic growth. Merrimack County residents participated in the following programs: Agriculture and Natural Resource Business Institute courses, All Walks of Life Forum, broadband training and technical assistance, Community Profiles (Dunbarton), Franklin for a Lifetime, Planning for an Aging Population (Franklin Aging in Place), Marketing Forest Products workshops, Selling at Farmers Markets, and town planning facilitation and technical support.

Youth & Family: Preparing youth to become caring and productive citizens is critical to the future of NH. The research-based education and information we provide enhances the leadership and decision-making skills of NH's youth and strengthens families. We provide educational resources for parents and families through innovative programs such as Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. Creative informational delivery methods are used, including web-based outreach, e-newsletters and train-the-trainer programs. **Merrimack County youth and volunteers participated in many 4-H youth development programs**, including State and County Activities Days, Eastern States Exposition activities and competition, Teen Conference, county and state animal science shows, Barry Conservation Camp, Hopkinton State Fair, volunteer screening and training, and youth leadership/youth voice workshops. Merrimack County residents also participated in afterschool professional workshops, farm to school days, military family events and camps, and the Nutrition Connections programs for limited resource adults, families, refugees, and youth.

UNH Cooperative Extension trained and supported more than 4,270 volunteers statewide who then contributed 148,089 hours of their time, providing a value of \$3.4 million in 2015. **In Merrimack County, 487 volunteers gave 21,407 hours, extending the reach of our programs as 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, marine docents, and others.**

Our state-wide Education Center and toll-free info line (staffed by volunteers) fielded 580 inquiries from Merrimack County residents alone, out of 7,741 calls, emails, and social media inquiries statewide. **Twenty-six Master Gardeners from Merrimack County volunteered 1,068 hours and made direct contact with 1,443 local residents.** The Education Center and Information Line is open Monday – Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In 2016, UNH Cooperative Extension will be joining the rest of the university in celebration of UNH's 150th Anniversary.

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Police Department

With the passing of another year, everyone at the police department would like to thank the citizens and the businesses of Newbury for being a part of our team in keeping our town a safe and fun place to live and work. It is the continued involvement of everyone that makes the department's successes possible.

There were some statistical changes that are worth noting in 2015. Traffic accidents were reduced by 30%. The injuries reported from those accidents were mostly minor and not incapacitating. The majority of all of these incidents were due to poor weather conditions or wildlife entering the roadway. Please remain alert and avoid distractions while driving to ensure a safe trip.

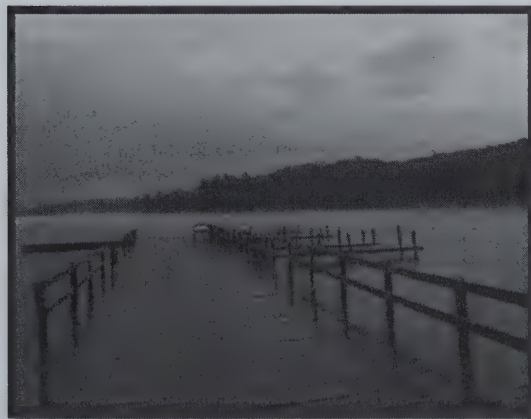
The most notable statistic pertains to property crimes, specifically theft and burglary. Newbury experienced a reduction by 41% in reported thefts. Newbury had no break-ins in 2015. The department's procedure for case follow-ups strongly contributed to the reduction in reported thefts. The officers make every effort to ensure that we thoroughly investigate every reported incident, regardless of its nature, and provide assistance to our neighbors. This effort, by every member of the department, is one of the reasons we enjoy such a high case clearance rate, and gives us a professional reputation that the so-called "bad guys" fear.

All officers completed their mandatory requirements for training, with a few officers exceeding those requirements and completing coursework that yielded college credit as well as police training credit. Additionally, Officer Harriman completed his training as a certified firearms instructor to become the second such officer in the department.

In closing, I would like to extend my continued appreciation to everyone who supports and supplements the efforts of the police department. The above mentioned results are possible by the community members working together to create a great place to live.

*Bob Lee
Chief*

Sergeant: Brad Wheeler
Full-time Officers: Aaron Sparks and Tom Harriman
Part-time Officers: Neil Cobb
Administrative Assistant: Deborah Lacombe



*A rainy October morning in the Harbor.
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

| Newbury Police Department Calls For Service 2015 | |
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| Classification | Total |
| Death/Suicide/Unattended | 2 |
| Assault/Sexual | 8 |
| Harassment | 2 |
| Criminal Threat | 7 |
| Criminal Trespass | 4 |
| Criminal Mischief | 9 |
| Burglary | 0 |
| Theft/Shoplifting | 13 |
| Theft - Auto | 0 |
| Fraud | 12 |
| Drugs/Possession | 3 |
| Property Lost | 15 |
| Property Found | 7 |
| Property Return | 1 |
| Domestic Dispute | 10 |
| Disturbance | 5 |
| Weapons Permits/Renewals | 47 |
| Shots Fired | 4 |
| Fireworks Violations | 3 |
| Harassing Communication | 9 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 3 |
| DUI | 6 |
| Driving on Suspension/Revocation | 1 |
| Ride Along | 0 |
| Funeral/Bank Escort | 1 |
| VIN Inspection | 23 |
| Abandoned Vehicle | 6 |
| M/V Unlock | 20 |
| M/V Repossession | 0 |
| Road Hazard/Obstruction or Placing Snow/Debris on Road | 30 |
| Traffic Offense Warning | 207 |
| Traffic Offense Citation | 35 |
| Parking Violations/Town Ordinance | 108 |
| Criminal Citations | 30 |
| Reckless Driving | 2 |
| Motor Vehicle Check | 10 |
| MV/Traffic Complaint/Manner of Operation | 27 |
| Assist-Stranded Motorist | 46 |
| Traffic Crash/Fatal | 0 |
| Traffic Crash/Personal Injury | 7 |
| Traffic Crash/Property Damage | 30 |
| Traffic Crash/Non Reportable | 14 |
| Littering-Illegal Dumping | 3 |
| OHRV Crash | 0 |

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| OHRV Complaints | 1 |
| Animal-Complaints | 19 |
| Animal-Cruelty/Vicious | 3 |
| Animal-Stray | 27 |
| Animal-Nuisance | 25 |
| Animal - Bite | 3 |
| Animal-Livestock Complaint | 5 |
| Animal-Wild | 19 |
| Unlicensed Dogs | 35 |
| Neighborhood Disputes | 3 |
| Noise Disturbance | 15 |
| Unwanted Subject | 1 |
| Assist-Fire/Police | 2 |
| Assist-In County Police/Out of State | 107 |
| Assist-Newbury Fire | 36 |
| Assist-Newbury Medical/Rescue | 55 |
| Assist-Town Office | 0 |
| Assist-Public Works/EOC | 8 |
| Assist-Social Service Agencies | 3 |
| Assist-Court | 0 |
| Assist-Out of State Police | 2 |
| Alarm | 10 |
| Alarm-Bank | 0 |
| Alarm-Business | 9 |
| Alarm-House/Public Building | 84 |
| 911 Hang-up | 23 |
| Missing Person | 6 |
| Tobacco Violation | 0 |
| Juvenile Complaint/Runaway | 9 |
| Citizen Requested Assistance | 49 |
| Suspicious Person/VEH/Incident | 63 |
| Civil Issue/Stand by | 33 |
| Neglect | 0 |
| Welfare Check | 14 |
| Open Door/Window/Gate | 37 |
| Public Relations-Talk or Lecture | 9 |
| Paperwork Relay | 13 |
| Paperwork Service | 55 |
| Warrant-Criminal/Civil | 2 |
| Sex Offender Registration | 10 |
| Keep the Peace/Public Safety Response | 0 |
| Protective Order | 0 |
| Protective Order (Violations) | 0 |
| Parole/Probation Violations | 0 |
| Case Follow up | 46 |
| Selective Enforcement | 94 |
| Military Record Check | 1 |
| Fingerprints/School, INS | 9 |

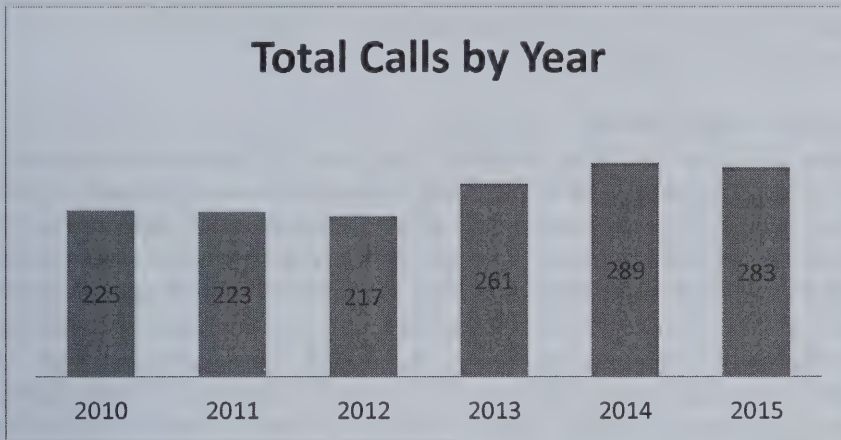
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| Police Information | 125 |
| House Check Request | 42 |
| Building Check-Business | 512 |
| Building Check-Public | 1065 |
| Building Check-Residential | 336 |



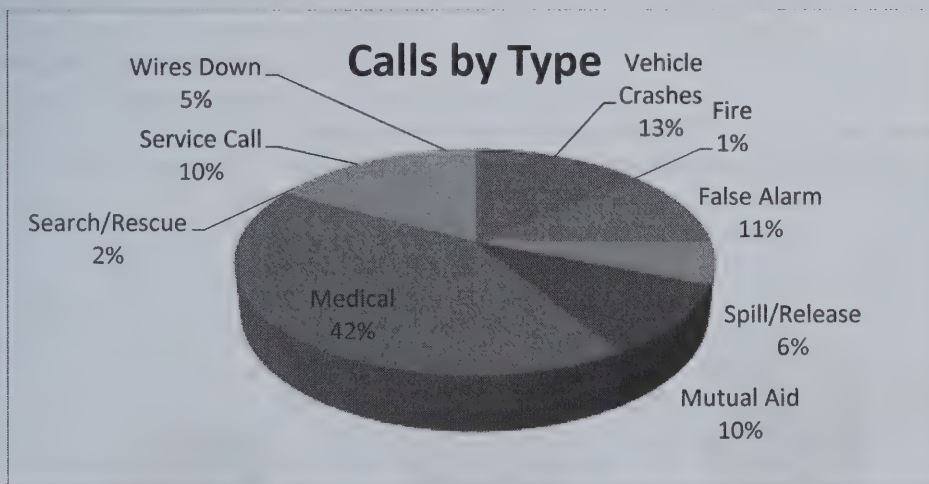
*Paddle boarding on Old Home Day at the harbor.
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

Fire Department

2015 was the second busiest year on record for the Newbury Fire Rescue Department with a total of 283 calls for service. The number of calls was only six fewer than in 2014.



Emergency Medical Service (EMS) remains the highest type of call – up 23% from 2014. There were 118 medical calls in 2015. This is a new department record for EMS calls in one year. Vehicle crashes were the next highest category at 13% - down from 2014. Since motor vehicle collisions frequently result in injuries to the occupants, the FD rescue responds to all accidents. False alarm calls are down 19% from 2014, which can be attributed to the enhanced enforcement of the Newbury fire and security alarm permit ordinance. The number of fires in Newbury was down, but the number of mutual aid calls for fires in our neighboring towns was up. The total of fire calls was 12% for the department.



Training

The Newbury Fire Rescue Department's Emergency Medical Services personnel must constantly train to maintain their skills and professional licenses. Department firefighters are continuously involved in training classes conducted in-house and through the State of NH Department of Safety Division of Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services. In 2015 there was an 18% increase over 2014, totaling 2,307 hours of continuing education training that was provided for members.

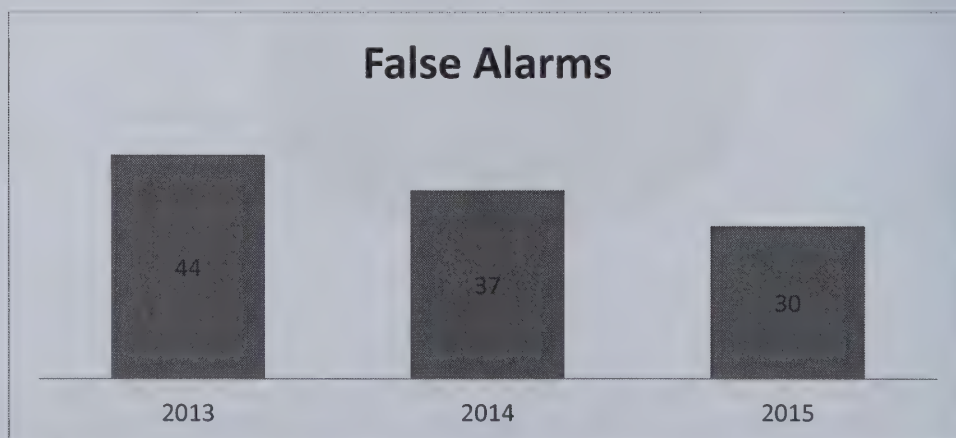
Department members provided 7,558 hours of service to the residents in Newbury. These services included responding to calls, conducting inspections, administrative, maintenance and community service. The Newbury Fire Rescue Department provides medical and public safety services for the community and our visitors on a regular basis at non-emergency community events such as Newbury Old Home Day, the Old Home Day fireworks display, the Craftsmen's Fair, bicycle and road races, and other events happening in Newbury.

Weather Emergency Contact List

As a public service to our residents, the Newbury Fire Rescue Department maintains a database of people in the community who may need assistance in a weather emergency such as a blizzard, ice storm, hurricane or long term power outage. These residents may have disabilities, be older without transportation, or not have family in the area. During and following a weather emergency the department will contact these individuals by phone to confirm that they are all right and do not have any urgent needs. If we are not able to reach the resident by phone, a fire department unit will be sent to the resident's home to confirm that they are all right. If you or someone you know would like to be added to the contact list, please send an email to the Newbury Fire Department at newburyfire@gmail.com, and we will contact you, or them, to be included on the list. You can also be added to the list by contacting the Newbury Town Clerk.

Fire Alarm Ordinance

During 2015 the Newbury Fire Rescue Department focused heavily on the oversight of residential fire alarms in the Town of Newbury. The Newbury Alarm Ordinance specifies that all fire and security alarms that transmit a signal to an alarm company central station be registered with the fire department. The registration provides contact information for the fire department so that the responders can quickly access the property in an emergency. The ordinance also specifies fines that are imposed for multiple false alarms. The outreach to property owners has been successful with a total of 230 registered alarms in the town. The permit process has also reduced the number of false alarms that the department has responded to over the past two years. To simplify the alarm permit process, a new online alarm permit application was implemented in 2015, which allows residents to fill out the form at www.newburyfd.org. The updated alarm database provides enhanced emergency contact information on properties with alarms to the New London Dispatch office and responders on the Newbury fire officer's smart phones.



Bald Sunapee Safety Services Building Committee

During much of 2015, senior members of the fire department spent considerable time with the Bald Sunapee Safety Services Building Committee. The committee was established by the Board of Selectmen to study and make recommendations on the buildings for new police and fire stations to be built on the town-owned Bald Sunapee property on Route 103. The committee held a number of meetings and worked with the Manchester, NH-based architectural firm of Dennis Mires P.A.

Fireworks Permits

At the 2015 Town Meeting there was considerable discussion on problems with fireworks in Newbury. Residents expressed their concern about the noise and safety of the public when individuals set off fireworks displays. Many residents at the meeting did not realize that the Newbury Fireworks ordinance, which has been in place for several years, requires a permit from the fire department. In order to obtain a permit, the applicant must meet certain requirements and an inspection of the property where the display is to be held is required. In response to the public's concern, new procedures were implemented in 2015, which included a new online fireworks permit application at www.newburyfd.org. The Newbury Fire Rescue website now lists all permitted fireworks displays in the town. Also online, is a form to report to the fire department unpermitted or late night fireworks. There were 28 locations in 2015 that were issued permits for fireworks displays. During the Independence Day holiday period, the fire department conducted patrols on land and water to enforce the fireworks ordinance. Complete information on the Fireworks Ordinance is available on the website.

Gas and Oil Furnace Installation

The Newbury Fire Rescue Department spends considerable time conducting fire prevention inspections. Fire department inspections are required for all renovations, new building constructions, and assembly of all gas and oil furnaces and wood stoves. Please contact the fire department for a permit application and to schedule an inspection when you are planning the installation of heating equipment.

Emergency Medical Service

The New London Hospital Ambulance has provided the primary emergency medical transportation service to the Town of Newbury for many years and when the Town of Bradford decided to discontinue their ambulance service in 2014, New London Ambulance stepped in and expanded their coverage area to South Newbury. Early in 2015, the Town of Newport announced that they would no longer provide ambulance service to Newbury and other towns in the area. Although Newport was a backup service and only responded to Newbury on an occasional basis, there was concern that we might not be able to maintain the high level of ambulance service that residents were accustomed to. Several meetings were held with New London Hospital and the area towns on their ability to handle any increase in volume. New London Hospital presented a proposal to increase coverage to Newbury and the other towns with additional ambulance staffing. The Newbury Fire Rescue Department continues to be pleased with the New London Ambulance staff and their response time to all parts of the Town of Newbury.

The Newbury Rescue emergency medical personnel quickly respond to all medical calls. State records show that a Newbury Fire Rescue responder is on the scene in less than five minutes of being dispatched. This is a good record for an on-call department with 78 miles of state and town roads. The state report also indicates an excellent record for the required state EMS reports, with 98.3% of the reports submitted within 24 hours of the call, and 95.6% of the reports complete and error free. The town can be proud of the professionalism and dedicated service provided by the members of the fire department.

Fire Safety Reminders

- The home is where 83% of fire death occurs.
- Smoke Detectors have a shelf life of ten years from manufacture or date noted inside unit when they have to be replaced.
- Be careful while cooking – keep flammable material away from kitchen range.
- Service your oil, gas, wood (pellet) heating systems.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Take care using candles and lanterns during power outages.
- Review your escape plan with your family.

*Henry E. Thomas Jr.
Fire Chief*

Assistant Chief: David Smith

Captain: Ken Burnell

Lieutenants: Mike Bascom

Steve Snyder

Nick Bibeau

Administration/Fire Prevention/EMS: Wayne Whitford

Standing Committee: Mike Croteau, Mike Menino, Ed Thorson



*The Newbury Fire Rescue unit being displayed on Old Home Day.
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

Midwestern NH Regional Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District

The Newbury Fire and Rescue Department is a member of the Midwestern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District and two of the Newbury members are officers of the Board of Directors. The district is made up of fire officials from cities and towns along the Interstate 89 highway corridor from Sutton to Lebanon. Members meet and train on a monthly basis in the member towns. The district provides the member towns with equipment, training and expertise to respond to an emergency involving hazardous materials.

In addition to the in-house training, district members attend hazardous materials response training conferences provided by the NH Department of Safety and the National Hazmat conference sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Through the district, Newbury participates in the NH Hazmat Collaborative, which is made up of representatives from all of the hazmat districts in the state. The Collaborative provides joint training and hazmat response resources for the teams throughout the state.

The district works and trains with the NH National Guard Civil Support Team to respond to potential terrorist incidents which may involve explosives, chemicals and weapons of mass destruction.

The district receives data on hazardous materials that are stored or used by industry in the region, through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Tier II filing system. All businesses that use chemicals are required to report their chemical inventories on an annual basis. This information is used by the districts to identify chemicals in the community and to plan and train for emergencies involving spills and/or releases of these hazardous materials. The district tracks all hazardous material incidents occurring in its communities. The district utilizes this data to develop training programs and purchase equipment.

Information on the district can be found on the district's website www.midwesthazmat.org.

Chair: Jeff Libbey, Assistant Chief, Lebanon Fire Department

Vice Chair: Dan Ruggles, Chief, Sunapee Fire Department

Secretary: Wayne Whitford, Newbury Fire Department

Treasurer: Henry Thomas, Chief, Newbury Fire Department

Greater Sullivan County Regional Coordination Committee

The Greater Sullivan County Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) is a collaborative group of town officials, health officers, fire, police, subject matter experts, and representatives from area schools, faith-based and nonprofit organizations. Together, they represent the 15 municipalities of Acworth, Charlestown, Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Unity, and Wilmot.

Through the Greater Sullivan County Public Health Network the RCC has developed a regional plan to address public health emergencies. No municipality alone has the resources to respond to a public health emergency. However, by combining resources and having advanced planning in place, the region will be better prepared.

The Greater Sullivan County Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan is the cumulative work of many individuals at the local, county and state level. The plan includes detailed steps for preparedness, response and recovery that can be applied to a variety of public situations.

Public education is a major part of any preparedness effort. The Public Health Plan also includes a detailed communications section outlining how we will convey clear messages to the public in an emergency.

*Wayne R. Whitford
Newbury Representative*



*Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals event sponsored by the library and held at the Vets Hall.
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

Forest Fire Warden

The wildland fire activity for Newbury remained very low during 2015. Even though rainfall was below average for much of the year, we were able to escape with no major incidents. Statewide fire activity was very high, especially in the spring. State resources were stretched rather thin. Because of the warm weather and lack of snow in December, we ended up writing more permits during that month than earlier in the year! Overall, requests for brush permits were down slightly but requests for seasonal permits was up. This is a good thing. It makes much more sense to burn small and more often in a campfire than burn a large brush pile.

There were some neighboring towns that had fire activity and requested our assistance for equipment and manpower, which we were able to provide. I want to thank the fire department members who gave their time to fill these requests. Our crews did a great job and put in long hours - both day and night. Available manpower is the biggest challenge our neighboring towns have for larger multiday burn events. Luckily, we did not have to request assistance for fire activity, but when we do neighboring fire departments will come in to assist with whatever we ask for.

Reminder! Once the snow is gone, you need a fire permit for all outside burning. All seasonal campfire permits need to be reissued for 2016.

Please call (603) 938-5925 with any questions you have on burning or obtaining fire permits.

*Dave Smith
Warden*



*The Newbury Rescue Fire Boat getting ready for the boating season.
Photo courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

State Forest Ranger

Your local forest fire warden, fire department, and the NH Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire.

To help us assist you, please contact your local forest fire warden or fire department to determine if a permit is required before doing any outside burning.

Under state law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow.

The ability to obtain fire permits online was initiated in 2015 and approximately 120 towns participated in the online system, and over 4,000 permits were issued. To obtain a permit online visit www.NHfirepermit.com.

The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at (603) 271-1370, or www.des.nh.gov for more information.

Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214 or online at www.nhdf.org.

The 2015 Statewide Fire Season

This past fire season burned 661 acres which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mountain fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years.

There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which kept New Hampshire's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit and increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual, our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix.

Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned - providing a reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home.

Precautions include:

- Keep your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles.
- Maintain adequate green space around your home.
- Remove any flammable materials.

Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state Forest Rangers by being fire-wise and fire-safe.

2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

| COUNTY STATISTICS | | |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| County | Acres | # of Fires |
| Belknap | 15.3 | 11 |
| Carroll | 299.5 | 10 |
| Cheshire | 27.6 | 18 |
| Coos | 1.6 | 6 |
| Grafton | 22.6 | 17 |
| Hillsborough | 50.6 | 23 |
| Merrimack | 228 | 16 |
| Rockingham | 9.2 | 14 |
| Strafford | 5.5 | 15 |
| Sullivan | 1.1 | 4 |



*Reflection of clouds on Lake Solitude.
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

Bald Sunapee Safety Services Building Committee

Final Report of the Bald Sunapee Safety Services Building Committee presented to the Newbury Board of Selectmen January 11, 2016

Overview

At its November 2, 2015 meeting the Board of Selectmen (BOS) requested the Bald Sunapee Safety Services Committee (committee*) to work with architect Dennis Mires to conduct the schematic design phase of the Safety Services building project. Specifically the committee was asked to

- 1) Create a proposal for separate police station and fire station buildings to be located at the Bald Sunapee/Camacho site.
- 2) Create a proposal for a combined police and fire station building to be located at the Bald Sunapee/Camacho site.
- 3) Identify viable design alternatives including the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative.

The work during the schematic design phase of the project consisted of determining the functional size and massing of the buildings and locating them on the Bald Sunapee and Camacho properties without impacting the existing Veterans Memorial. Finalization of detailed building floor plans will be done during the subsequent construction phase of the project.

The report of the 2011 Town Center Buildings Committee (Town of Newbury 2011 Annual Report) and 2015 geotechnical analysis of the site done by architect Dennis Mires provided the starting point for this study. Information and factors considered during the course of the study included:

- Input from the police and fire chiefs.
- Compliance with State and Federal regulations.
- Compliance with National Fire Protection Association codes.
- Compliance with established architecture design practices.
- Guidance from the Select Board and Town Administrator in response to specific questions.
- Input from other area towns that have recent experience with similar building projects.
- Prior experience of the architect and committee members.
- Input from town residents.

A goal of the committee was for the building to meet the future needs of the Town for the next 20 to 40 years. To this end, the committee used information presented in Town annual reports such as: the number of police calls increasing at an average rate of 3% per year; and the number of fire calls increasing at an average rate of 17% per year.

These rates have been consistent for the past 15 years and it is reasonable to assume they will continue into the foreseeable future. Another consideration is the increasing difficulty in recruiting volunteer fire fighters. Therefore, the fire station design should allow for the possibility that the Town might need to add full-time fire fighters in the future.

* Committee membership consisted of Alex Azodi, Barbara Freeman, Bob Messenger, Patricia Sherman, Ken Tentarelli, Dan Wolf, Ron Williams, and recording secretary Meg Whittemore.

Design for Separate Fire and Police Station Buildings

Fire Station

The fire station floor plan is shown in Figure 1. Area of the structure to be built initially is 7,584 square feet with nearly half the area consisting of four bays capable of housing the existing first-line fire vehicles. The bays are sized in accordance with the dimensions of larger trucks now being built by manufacturers to accommodate new vehicles when existing vehicles are replaced in the future.

All functions identified in the 2011 study are provided for in a manner that maximizes utility. Specifically:

- 1) The four bay design houses vehicles without “stacking” (i.e. without any vehicle being enclosed behind another vehicle).
- 2) The gear room is sized to house 42 gear racks and has a flow-through arrangement so that firefighters can enter the room directly from outside the building, collect their gear, and then proceed to the vehicles.
- 3) Training/meeting room is sized to hold 50 people, is adequate for holding inter-town training sessions.

The design separates potentially toxic and non-toxic areas of the building by having decontamination and similar facilities accessible directly from the bay area. Shower facilities have dual access. Also shown is a cistern that would be located underground adjacent to the building and used to support a sprinkler system in accordance with National Fire Protection Association codes. The design allows for future expansion to include a fifth bay to house an additional vehicle and a support area space. Positioning of the toilet facilities adjacent to this support area makes it convenient for a portion of the area to be used as a bunk room should the department add full-time fire fighters in the future.

Police Station

The total area of the police station floor plan shown in Figure 3 is 3,034 square feet. The building provides for all functions identified in the 2011 study and, in addition, provides toilet facilities accessible from outside the building for use by people at the nearby playground. A distinctive feature of the design is the separation of the public access to the building (at the left in Figure 3) from department personnel access (at the top and right in Figure 3). The design features a drive-through sally port arranged to allow access to booking, evidence and interview rooms without having to access the public access portion of the building.

Site Plan

Proposed locations for the police and fire stations at the Bald Sunapee site is shown in Figure 5. The fire station is positioned so the four bay doors face directly onto Route 103. Fire department personnel can access the building from the adjacent parking area. The same parking area affords access to the police station by police department personnel and to the sally port by police vehicles. For safety reasons, the fire station is located as far as practical from the playground. A second parking area to the northwest of the police station (to the left of the police station in the Figure) provides parking for those using the playground and for anyone accessing the public portion of the police station. Drainage on the site is accomplished via a series of underground pipes with flow away from the site following the existing path under Route 103. A shallow bio detention pond is provided to serve as a buffer in peak flow conditions. Area reserved for future library expansion is shown further at the left in the figure. The land contour demands that a significant amount of excavation be done at the site to accommodate the buildings. This is evidenced in the figure by the contour lines on the southeast (right side in the Figure) and northeast (upper right part of the Figure)

sides of the buildings. It is proposed that site work be done initially to accommodate future expansion of the fire station so that no additional excavation will be needed in the future. Placement of the police station provides a degree of isolation between the playground area and the parking area where vehicles would be arriving during a fire call. Although landscaping details will be designed during the construction phase of the project and are not included in this proposal, additional isolation in the form of landscaping or fencing can be designed during the construction phase of the project.

Design for Combined Fire and Police Station Building

Floor Plan and Site Plan

Figure 6 shows the floor plan of a possible combined police station and fire station building. The associated site plan is shown in Figure 7. Because the two services have few functions in common there are several disadvantages in the combined plan compared to the two building solution described above. In particular, with the single building solution:

- It is not feasible to have a drive-through sally port.
- Because shower facilities are not accessible from the bay area, there is a greater potential for spreading contamination throughout the building.
- The location available for a future bunk room expansion is less than ideal, e.g. it is not adjacent to shower facilities.
- Wrap-around of the parking area on the rear (east) side of the building increases the proximity of vehicular traffic to the playground.
- The large size of the building is not in keeping with the visual impressions of other buildings in the town center area.

Cost Analysis and Recommendation

As shown in the recommendation section of the analysis spreadsheet (Figure 9), the committee believes that the best interests of the Town can be met by building separate police and fire stations. To accomplish this in an economically efficient manner, the committee recommends that the Fire Department and Police Department be two separate buildings that the Fire Department contain four bays with an option of a fifth bay in the future and that both buildings be constructed at the same time. To accomplish this objective the committee recommends that the Select Board ask for a \$4 million bond issue at Town Meeting in March 2016 for design and construction of both the Fire Department and Police Department buildings in 2016/2017.

Shifting the location of the buildings (to the northeast from the locations depicted in Figure 5) would reduce the amount of rock removal and excavation required to prepare the site and could reduce site preparation costs by \$70,000. The committee recommends that if an acceptable alternative site can be found for the Veterans Memorial that a relocation of the Veterans Memorial be considered, to be paid for with project savings. To facilitate future work on the project the committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen establish a Building Committee of interested parties – both public and professional individuals – to take the project to the next level. The committee investigated the feasibility of geothermal and biomass energy alternatives and the cost for these options is presented in the spreadsheet. Both options would have comparable initial costs and paybacks of 12-13 years. The committee makes no recommendation regarding these options and defers further consideration to the Select Board.

Ken Tentarelli
Chair

Fire Station Elevations

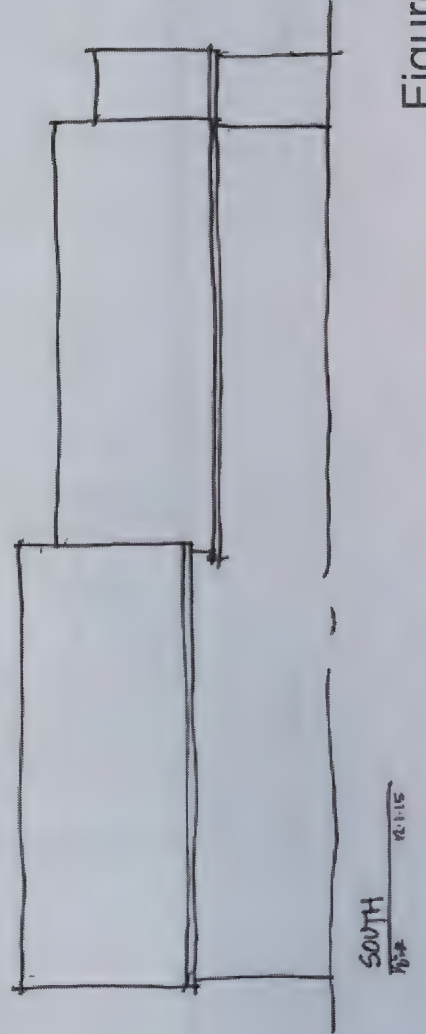
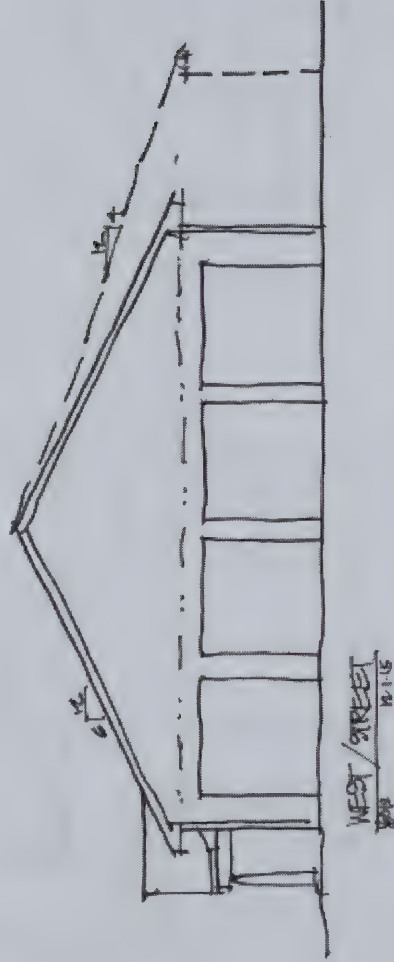
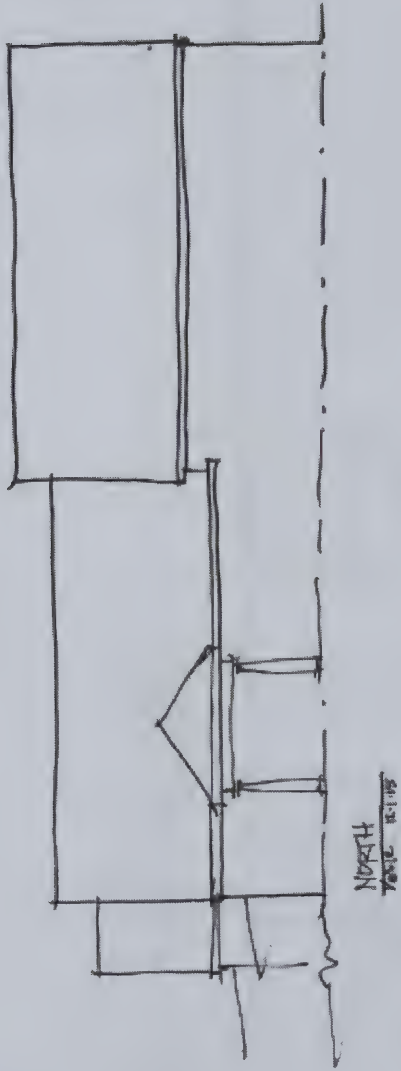


Figure 2



Police Station
Elevations



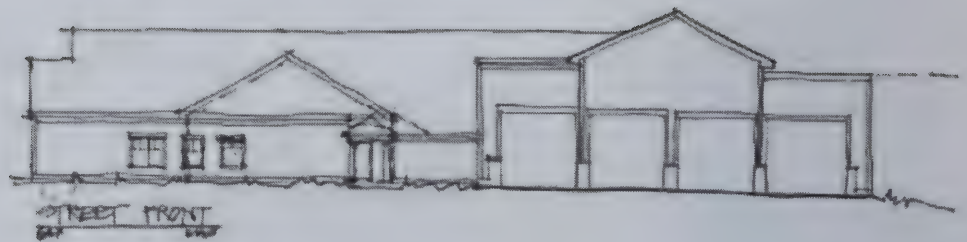
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Figure 5



Figure 7



Combined
Police and
Fire Station
Elevations

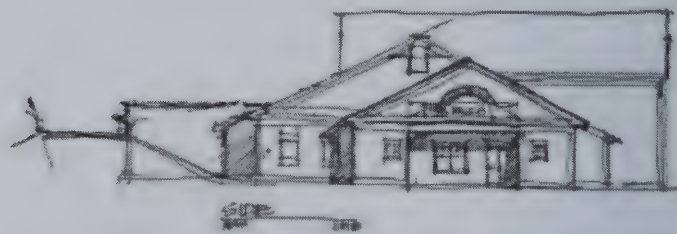


Figure 8

| OPTION ANALYSIS | | | | FOR 1/11/16 Presentation | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Existing Sq. Ft. | Proposed Sq. Ft. | % Increase | Total Project Cost | Ledge Removal | Site Work | Impact on Vet's Memorial | Vet's Mem Impact on (4) Project | Safety Children | Future Expansion Full time Personnel | Equipment 1 more bay | Design Content | Comments |
| BUILD FIRE AND POLICE SEPARATELY AT DIFFERENT TIMES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Firehouse Only | 4,449 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (A) 4 Bay | | 7,584 | 70% | 2,795,000 | 100,000 | 600,000 | minimum | 70-100,000 | not substantial | later | later | good | All first equipment has a door |
| (A) 5 Bay | | 9,584 | 111% | 2,883,000 | 100,000 | 600,000 | minimum | 70-100,000 | not substantial | now | now | less good | additional first equip has a door |
| Police Only | 2,149 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (B) Scheme 1 | | 3,900 | 40% | 1,263,000 | 100,000 | 600,000 | minimum | 70-100,000 | specifics in future design | included | NA | good | Expansion built in to scheme |
| (C) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL COST POLICE AND FIRE BUILT SEPARATELY | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| with 4 Bay | | 7,584 | | 4,028,000 | 100,000 | 600,000 | minimum | 70-100,000 | specifics in | included | NA | good | Cost increase with escalation |
| with 5 Bay | | 9,584 | | 4,146,000 | 100,000 | 600,000 | minimum | 70-100,000 | specifics in | included | NA | good | 2-1%/yr. 78,000 to 38,000/yr. |
| TOTAL COST IF BUILT AT THE SAME TIME | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL COST | | | | | | | | | | | | | SAVE \$200,000 |
| with 4 Bay | | 7,584 | | 3,828,000 | 100,000 | 600,000 | minimum | 70-100,000 | specifics in | included | later | good | |
| with 5 Bay | | 9,584 | | 3,946,000 | 100,000 | 600,000 | minimum | 70-100,000 | specifics in | included | now | good | |
| BUILD ONE FACILITY WITH BOTH FIRE AND POLICE (C) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 Bay | 6,598 | 10,300 | 56% | 4,190,250 | 100,000 | 600,000 | minimum | 70-100,000 | not substantial | later | later | poor | All first line equipment has a door |
| 5 Bay | | 11,416 | 73% | 4,308,750 | 100,000 | 600,000 | minimum | 70-100,000 | not substantial | now | now | poor | add first line equip has a door |
| CENTRAL PLANT ALTERNATIVE ENERGY | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GEOTHERMAL Plant | For Police and Fire | | | 100,000.00 | Heat and AC | | Payback is 12 years | (E) | | | | | \$30,000 fed rebate fed ends 2016 |
| BIOMASS Plant | For Police and Fire | | | 100,000.00 | Heat and AC | | Payback is 12.5 years | (E) | | | | | \$30,000 fed rebate fed ends 2016 |
| SOLAR | | | | TBD | | | | | | | | | |
| A Total project cost includes site work ledge removal, 10% contingency, furnishing allowance, A&E Fees bonding, testing and Misc. expenses. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| B Cost would be increased by \$600,000 site costs as they would need to be done first | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| C Includes Toilet rooms for Playground | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| D Saving may pay for relocation of Memorial | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| E Central Plant analysis included New Fire station, Police Station and Expanded Library | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SELECT BOARD | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 That the Fire Department and Police Department be two separate buildings that the Fire Department contain 4-bays with an option of a fifth bay in the future and that both buildings be constructed at the same time. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Ask for a \$4,000,000 bond issue at Town Meeting in March 2016 for design and construction of both the FD and PD buildings in 2016/2017. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 That a relocation of the Veterans Memorial be considered, to be paid for by project savings. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 That the Board of Selectmen establish a Building Committee of interested parties - both public and professional individuals - to take the project to the next phase. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 9

Code Enforcement Officer

Thank you all for taking the extra time and care to meet with me prior to filing permits for your projects and to go over construction procedures to ensure they run as smoothly as possible. I welcome emails from all on any questions regarding any projects, no matter how large or small they may be.

In 2015, 101 permits were issued in Newbury for the following projects:

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|-------------------|----|------------|---|
| Single Family Homes | 8 | Home Improvements | 21 | Additions | 6 |
| Docks | 6 | Sheds | 8 | Barns | 1 |
| Decks | 10 | Garages | 11 | Porches | 4 |
| Commercial Alteration | 1 | Commercial | 1 | Demolition | 1 |
| Electrical | 11 | Plumbing | 3 | Pools | 3 |
| Solar Installations | 5 | Signs | 1 | | |

Thank you to all who took the time to file for the proper permit.

For residents who have filed, and have not yet completed or received a certificate of occupancy or completion for their projects, please call to schedule a final inspection (603) 763-4940 ext. 203, when ready. Please reference the permit number when calling for all inspections. **Remember, the project remains open, and a permit could expire, if a final inspection or certificate of occupancy is not issued from the town.**

Proper planning and establishing expectations for all projects will ensure a smooth job from start to finish. Please take a few moments to call and schedule an informal meeting with me prior to commencing any construction project that may require a building permit.

Tips for planning your next project:

- Permits are required for all sheds, whether permanently affixed to the ground or not.
- There is no charge for permits for sheds on blocks or for sheds that are 120 square feet or less.
- Permits are required for any change to the original plumbing or electric system. However, you do not need a permit if you are simply changing a plumbing fixture or a light switch.
- New heating systems, replacement heating systems, and all central fire and burglar systems need permits; otherwise a fine will be issued. Permits can be obtained from the fire department, Chief Hank Thomas at (603) 938-5346, or by emailing newburyc1@aol.com. Copies of permits can be found at Town Hall.
- **Important:** Shoreland protection permits, wetland permits, buffer zone development, and storm water management plans are critical and integral components. Preservation of our lakes, ponds, streams and wetlands are a priority and cannot be compromised. Together, with proper planning, we can achieve quality land development around these sensitive areas.
- **Please Note: Article 21, section 21.4.4 of the Zoning Ordinance:** If working in a shoreland or waterfront and a Stormwater Management plan is required, "A schedule for

the ongoing inspection and maintenance by the landowner of all permanent stormwater management measures after completion of construction” must be provided to the town in paper and in electronic format.

- Please review our Zoning Regulations and Building Regulations for best practices regarding work in and around our lakes, ponds, rivers, streams or wetland areas. Depending on the scope of work, some projects may require certification of inspections and process of all land improvements during and after completion before certificate of occupancy can be issued.

I look forward to continuing to work with all contractors and landowners in Newbury for a positive, constructive and successful approach to any and all projects requiring a permit.

John Greenwood
Code Enforcement Officer



Apple Blossom Tree blooming in the spring.
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen

Emergency Management

The residents of New Hampshire were able to get through 2015 without any severe weather such as blizzards, ice storms, hurricanes or major flooding. There were emergencies in other parts of the country, including hazardous material spills and the increased level of terrorist incidents and active shooters. These incidents reinforce the fact that we must continuously prepare and train for all types of emergencies. The emergency management director participates in state conference calls and is updated with emergency information through the NH Department of Safety bulletins.

During 2015 several members of the Fire Rescue Department attended classes and seminars provided by the NH Fire Academy and Homeland Security & Emergency Management. Several department members have now been trained in responding to active shooter events and providing emergency medical services at these kinds of emergencies. Specialized medical equipment has also been purchased for our EMS personnel to respond to these incidents.

The town continues to be involved in the Code Red reverse 911 system and the NH Alerts smart phone and tablet emergency alert system. We encourage all Newbury residents to download the computer application and register for the NH Alerts notifications.

The E911 mapping project was completed in 2015 with the state providing the town with paper and electronic maps of all properties in the Town of Newbury. It also included the location for firefighting water sources, medical helicopter landing zones, special hazards, and other important locations critical to emergency responders.

Additional emergency communications equipment, electronics, and diagnostic and notification equipment has been obtained to support the emergency response agencies in the event of a large emergency situation in the town.

As the year ended, emergency management and the fire department were working together on the enhancement of the weather emergency contact database that enables public safety personnel to check on town residents who may be elderly, disabled or not have transportation during or after a severe snowstorm, ice storm, longterm power failure or other weather related emergencies. Individuals wishing to be contacted in a weather emergency can sign up for the service by sending an email to the fire department at newburyfire@gmail.com or contacting the Newbury Town Clerk.

The town's website www.newburynh.org falls under the public information function of the Emergency Management Department. In fact, the website is the primary non-emergency activity of the department. The mission of the Town of Newbury website is to be the primary source of timely information for our residents, visitors and other interested parties. Information on Newbury's website is continuously being updated so the public will have the most current information. The Town Bulletin Board is the primary source of public information on upcoming meetings, town events, activities and important information. The Town Regulations section provides a reference library of town ordinances, regulations and is the location of downloadable applications and town forms. The department and committee section provides important public information on functions, officials and meeting minutes. Also, the website provides a calendar of meetings and events, and contains current and past copies of town newsletters. One of the newest sections of the website provides complete voter information.

Wayne R. Whitford
Emergency Management Director

Joint Loss Management Committee

The Town of Newbury Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC) is the town's safety committee, which all employers in the state are required to have under New Hampshire Department of Labor Regulations. The committee is made up of representatives from each of the town departments and must include managers as well as workers. The committee meets on a bimonthly basis to discuss worker and public safety. The committee makes recommendations to town management on improving safety in town facilities.

The JLMC is responsible for reviewing and updating the Town of Newbury Safety Plan. During 2015 a new section was added to the plan that addresses slips, trips and falls, and establishes procedures for identifying hazards that may cause falls that result in injuries.

The committee also is authorized to bring in outside resources to assist in identifying and reducing safety hazards. In 2015, a representative of the town's insurer was brought in to survey and make recommendations to improve safety at Fisherfield Park. The committee also utilized the state Department of Health & Human Services (DES) laboratory to analyze the quality of drinking water at various town buildings. The DES lab results indicated no abnormalities.

Wayne R. Whitford
Chair



*"Snow globe" scene of the Center Meeting House.
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

Highway Department

There were 76 weather events from November 14, 2014 thru April 10, 2015 which required the Highway Department to plow and/or sand the roads using approximately 3,206 cubic yards (CY) of sand.

Along with our usual duties of snow removal, grading, culvert replacement, ditching, sweeping and mowing, the highway department did significant work on Province Road. An under drain was installed along 525 feet of Province Road along with fabric and approximately 450 tons of hard pak gravel applied. The same was done on a section of West Meadow Road where 280 feet of under drain was installed, 630 feet of fabric and approximately 500 tons of hard pak gravel was applied. The work was done to eliminate a severe mud problem on these two sections of West Meadow during the spring thaw. The remaining 4,100 feet of Newell Road was reclaimed and paved, and 300 feet of under drain was installed. On Sutton Road, 2,500 feet was shimmed and overlaid. Southgate Road had 765 tons of crushed gravel laid out over approximately 2,700 feet.

Our next project will be Mountain Road. We will reclaim and pave the road. It will be a two year project because of the length of the road. In year one, we will be working from Route 103 to the bridge at Lake Solitude Trailhead. In year two, work will be done from Lake Solitude Trailhead to the end of the existing pavement at Doctors Colony.

The new pickup and new loader arrived in 2015 and were put into service in May.

Several hundred feet of culverts were replaced, along with two larger culverts, on High Meadow Road and High Point Road. The two larger culverts were contracted out because they were too big for our equipment. As always, there is the never-ending task of removing rocks from roads due to frost.

Winter sand is still available at the old highway shed on Sutton Road for all town residents.

*Cal Prussman
Highway Administrator*



*Mike Croteau, with two of our Selectmen, receiving a proclamation.
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility

Overall, the Blodgett Landing Wastewater Treatment Plant had a good year in 2015. The nitrate and ammonia readings were well below the state limits of 10 mg/l throughout the year. Testing for Ph nitrates and ammonia happens on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. Levels continue to remain steady at the below-state-limit levels.

This year the plant pumped out about 5,000 gallons of sludge from both Imhoff tanks. This is done to help keep a good activated sludge which helps break down the ammonia and nitrates.

There was a small sewer break on Bowles Road caused by a hairline crack in the pipe, likely due to an underground rock that rubbed against the pipe.

I would like to thank Mary Thayer and the Highway Department for their continued assistance throughout the year.

Finally I want to thank all the residents of Blodgett Landing and the Town Administration for their continued support and assistance.

*Tim Mulder
Chief Operator*



*A clear view of rocks under the Andrew Brook.
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

Health Officer

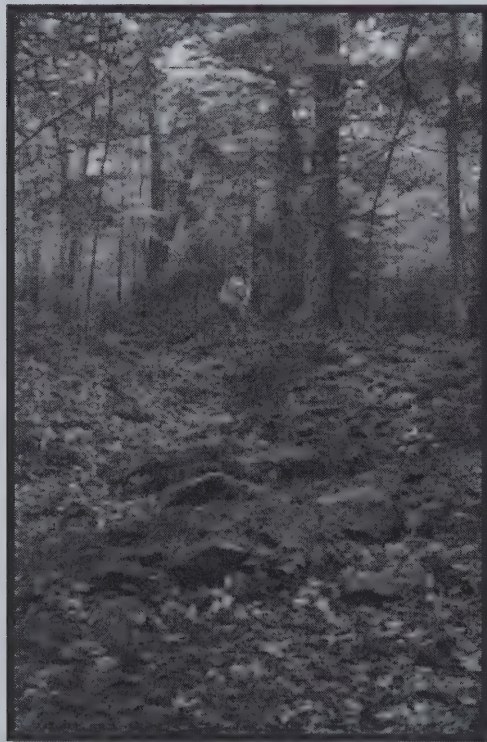
Fortunately, 2015 was a quiet year for public health. Unlike previous years, there was no Ebola or Bird Flu breakout in the world. As a result, the health officers of New Hampshire, and our counterparts throughout the country, could focus on the everyday public health concerns, such as influenza, and insect-borne illnesses such as EEE and West Nile Virus. The unusual spring and summer in 2015 meant that even the mosquitos were not bad.

The Newbury Health Officer continues to work on areas of concern such as the condition of residential septic systems and water quality in our waterways. Our beaches had to be posted on one occasion in 2015 because of the water quality. Although food service inspection is primarily the role of the Department of Health and Human Services, inspection of special events is conducted by the Health Officer.

Newbury and our neighboring towns work together on health emergency planning with the Greater Sullivan County Regional Coordination Committee through meetings, training and exercising of the Public Health Emergency Plan. The town remains active in the NH Health Officer's Association which keeps statewide health officers informed of public health legislation and important issues, as well as conducting continuing education for all health officers.

The Health Officer page on the town website, www.newburynh.org, provides timely information on important public health topics and links to state and national public health resources.

Wayne R. Whitford
Health Officer



*Summer hike on the Newbury Trail.
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice

On behalf of all the staff and volunteers of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health and hospice services, personal care, and community health services in Newbury. Our mission to provide care for individuals and families in home and community settings and enable people to stay in their homes for as long as possible is at the heart of all we do for Newbury residents and residents throughout our 1,900 square-mile service area. As in previous years, our Board of Directors has pledged that, within its financial resources, LSRVNA will continue to serve those in need of care regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances.

I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2015, LSRVNA employees served Newbury in the following ways:

- Provided 3,273 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 72 residents.
- Provided 1,687 in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits with 55 visits provided without any remuneration to LSRVNA, and 264 visits provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs).
- Provided four residents with 71 visits through our hospice program, enabling them to spend their last days at home. Their families are provided 14 months of bereavement support and counseling after the death of their loved ones, at no cost.
- Provided 242 residents with our foot care, flu, and blood pressure clinics as well as parent-child, bereavement, and other support groups.

Our talented staff remains committed not only to individual health and well-being, but also to fostering community support and involvement which empowers residents to help their friends and neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way that we may be of service to you, your loved ones, or your town's residents. Our vision is to be the leading provider of home care services in the region, to be the best place to work and volunteer, and to remain an adaptive and enduring presence. Achieving our vision is only possible with support and confidence such as yours. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Jim Culhane
President & CEO

New London Hospital

In 2015 New London Hospital (NLH) continued to offer a broad array of local health care services in our community hospital setting, serving 15 towns, including Newbury.

The following capable and caring providers joined our medical staff in 2015: Vicki Anderson, PsyD; Fariha Chaudhry, MD; Mindy Dube, APRN; Stephen Holderman, APRN; Ben Holobowicz, Jr., MPAS, PA-C; Stephen Kantor, MD; Doug Kleinman, PA-C; Michael O'Brien, DO; Amy Schneider, MD; and Jennifer Taylor, APRN. Robert Hyde, MD became NLH Director of Emergency Services. Gregory Curtis, MD rejoined NLH as a Clinical Informatics Advisor. Furthermore, local services from Dartmouth-Hitchcock providers continued to deepen and expand as a result of the affiliation we have shared since October of 2013.

The NLH Board of Trustees approved rebuilding our rural health center in nearby Newport to meet healthcare needs and strengthen our overall organization. *Building for Health* is a \$9-million project with a \$2.2-million fundraising campaign, will provide 28,600 square feet of specially designed space. This area will replace a 16,000 square foot patchwork structure that facilitates more than 21,000 annual primary care and women's health patient visits. We broke ground for the new Newport Health Center in October and anticipate project completion in the fall of 2016.

We completed our triennial Community Health Needs Assessment, available to all from the homepage of our website at www.newlondonhospital.org, where you will also find the related Implementation Plan. Our thanks to community members who participated in this important collaborative process.

The Wellness Connection: For a Healthy Lake Sunapee Region developed a mini-grant program that made grants to seven local organizations to fund healthy eating and active living programs including the Newbury Public Library and the Kearsarge Council on Aging.

In response to community need among the seven towns served by our New London Hospital Ambulance Service (NLHAS), we expanded the service by hiring new staff members who will operate an additional ambulance that has been ordered. NLHAS is now the primary ambulance service for Mount Sunapee.

We are pleased to report the following appointments and recognitions received in 2015:

- Newbury resident Anne Holmes, immediate past Chair of our Board of Trustees, was honored by the New Hampshire Hospital Association with its Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award during the Association's annual meeting.
- Newbury resident Pamela Drewniak, NLH Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, was appointed to the Advisory Board for the NH Department of Health and Human Services Disaster Behavioral Health Response Teams.
- Matthew Petrin, OTR/L and NLH Director of Sports Medicine and Therapy Services, was appointed to the NH Emergency Medical Services Trauma Board.
- NLH was one of 32 hospitals in New England and one of ten in NH to be named to the 2014 Harvard Pilgrim Hospital Honor Roll based on performance among the top 25% of hospitals nationally on a set of composite quality and patient experience measures.
- Healthgrades recognized NLH with its Patient Safety Excellence Award. This distinction goes to the top 10% of hospitals which are leaders in patient safety based on analysis of Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) patient safety indicators.

As in prior years, we hosted a number of community and fundraising events, most notably:

- The 91st annual Hospital Days celebration which brought nearly a full week of events to New London for the enjoyment of all in our region, concluding with the 32nd annual Triathlon.
- The 12th annual NLH Golf Invitational, held at Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield, which raised over \$31,000.
- The 10th Annual Benefit for NLH, held at Camp Coniston in Croydon, drew over 220 guests. The Oktoberfest-themed event raised more than \$33,000 from attendees in support of Pediatric services, plus nearly \$16,000 for our Annual Fund.
- The second annual John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture was presented at Colby-Sawyer College by Dr. David Currow, Director of Dartmouth-Hitchcock's new Center for Palliative and Hospice Care on *The Benefits of Investing in Hospice and Palliative Care*.

Our fiscal year concluded in June with a small net gain from operations, evidence of the success of the financial improvement plan instituted during the prior year and the growing utilization of many of our services.

At the end of 2015, we bade Dr. Donald Eberly farewell as he retired after 35 years of general surgery service. We are exceedingly grateful for the compassionate local care he provided at NLH for our community over the decades.

Thank you to all Newbury patients, families and guests who utilize our services, volunteers who gave their precious time, generous donors who provided funding, dedicated staff who gave their best efforts every day, and all others who supported our mission in the past year.

Bruce P. King
President and CEO



*The beginning of fall on Sunapee Ridge as seen behind the Safety Services Building.
Photo Courtesy Kathryn Holmes*

**Community Action Program (CAP)
Kearsarge Valley Area Center**

Services provided to Newbury residents in 2015:

Emergency Food Pantries provide up to five days of food for people facing a temporary food crisis. Value: \$5.00 per meal.

Fuel Assistance provides help with energy costs to income-eligible households during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.

Electric Assistance provides a specific tier of discount from 9% to 77% on electric bills for eligible households.

Weatherization is a program that improves the energy efficiency of income eligible households and includes furnace replacement, water heater replacement, and roof repair.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.

Security Deposit Guarantee Program provides a landlord a guarantee backed by state funds that the required security will be paid in the event of default by the tenant.

Information and Referral services cover utility, landlord/tenant, legal, and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns.

| Service Description | Units of Service | | Households/ Persons | | Value |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Emergency Food Pantries | Meals | 690 | Persons | 138 | \$3,450.00 |
| Fuel Assistance | Applications | 3 | Persons | 89 | \$32,820.00 |
| Electric Assistance | | | Households | 36 | \$26,364.49 |
| Weatherization | Homes | 0 | Persons | 0 | \$0 |
| Neighbor Helping Neighbor | Grants | 2 | | | \$500.00 |
| Security Deposit Guarantee Program | | | Households | 1 | \$310.00 |
| Total | | | | | \$63,444.49 |

*Erin Reed
Area Director*

Family Services

This year, 15 families requested help and met the Newbury Welfare guidelines to receive aid. One of the families that we assisted in 2014 called to tell us that they were doing better this year and asked if there was anything they could do to help other families in need this year. This is why I love this town. Newbury is filled with caring and giving residents.

In December, we had a very successful Cold Weather drive. Thank you to all who donated and helped this year. It is always a joy to see a family come into the drive and leave with a smile and new winter coat for each member of their family.

In coordination with the South Newbury Union Church, 28 baskets were distributed for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Each basket contains a turkey, potatoes, onions, celery, apples, oranges, juice, butter, biscuits, gravy, cranberry sauce, corn, string beans and of course, an apple pie. The generosity of Newbury makes this possible every year and is greatly appreciated. The hard-working, compassionate people of the South Newbury Union Church are again to be commended for their dedication.

Thank-you to Mount Sunapee Resort for their "Care and Share" day at the mountain and thank-you to the staff at the Newbury branch of the Lake Sunapee Bank for collecting items throughout the year for the food bank.

Once again, this year there was a Christmas Giving Tree in the town office with many snowflake wishes. Yes, the amazing residents of Newbury met every one of them. The gifts were distributed at the same time as the Christmas baskets. It is always fun to watch the parents of these children come and get their baskets and be overwhelmed with emotion when they receive a bag of goodies for their Christmas morning. A special thank-you to the elves and their husbands who could be seen sneaking around the Giving Tree. They worked very hard putting it all together to be sure that no child was forgotten, which is not an easy job.

Breakfast with Santa was held at the South Newbury Union Church and benefits the Giving Tree. Thank-you to Santa and all who made it a great breakfast.

I would be remiss not to mention the many phone calls that I received from individuals, families, organizations, clubs and committees interested in volunteering and donating their time, money, food, holiday baskets, wreaths, trees and holiday presents for those Newbury families in need. My thanks to all.

Newbury is fortunate to be covered by the Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries (KREM) located in New London. They are a great resource used by needy families as a food pantry. Along with the South Newbury Union Church food pantry, KREM is a valued partner.

If anytime throughout the upcoming year, anyone becomes privy to a person or family living in Newbury with a need, please leave a message for me at the town office at (603) 763-4940. Confidentiality is valued and stressed when helping others.

I thank you all for your help and support throughout the year.

*Gail Bostic
Family Services Director*

Kearsarge Area Council on Aging

The mission of the Chapin Senior Center of the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (COA) is to respond to the needs of seniors living in the Kearsarge/Mount Sunapee area. We are pleased to report that in 2015 we have been able to continue to make significant contributions to the health, wellbeing and quality of life of senior residents in the area. Thanks go out for the generous support from our volunteers, donors and area towns.

COA provides a variety of services, including:

- Organizing indoor and outdoor recreation programs.
- Hosting social events such as bridge games and lunch discussion groups.
- Providing access to free mobility equipment.
- Acting as a clearinghouse for resources for those in need of assistance to remain living independently in their homes.

One of the most critical COA programs is the volunteer transportation program that provides door-through-door service to medical and other appointments for those who are unable to drive. COA volunteers typically drive seniors from the nine town area 40,000 to 50,000 miles each year. Last year was no different. The program is so successful that COA continues to look for additional volunteer drivers.

COA relies on private donations from local citizens and community businesses as well as fundraisers (such as our annual Book Sale) for 70% of our operating funds. The remaining 30% of funding comes from the nine towns we serve. We are truly thankful to all of those who contribute their money, time and energy to make our work possible.

COA's Chapin Senior Center is open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Whether you come in to take part in exercises, to ask Medicare questions, to attend an enriching educational program, to enjoy our book and video library, to volunteer, or to just have coffee with friends, opportunity awaits. We look forward to seeing you!

*Derek D. Lick
Chairman*



*Flags and flowers in the Harbor.
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue
Administration

2015
\$16.28

Tax Rate Breakdown Newbury

| Municipal Tax Rate Calculation | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Jurisdiction | Tax Effort | Valuation | Tax Rate |
| Municipal | \$2,712,387 | \$707,242,507 | \$3.83 |
| County | \$2,267,925 | \$707,242,507 | \$3.21 |
| Local Education | \$4,820,740 | \$707,242,507 | \$6.82 |
| State Education | \$1,700,756 | \$702,242,507 | \$2.42 |
| Total | \$11,501,808 | | \$16.28 |

| Village Tax Rate Calculation | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Jurisdiction | Tax Effort | Valuation | Tax Rate |
| Lake Todd Village | \$23,863 | \$15,395,541 | \$1.55 |
| Total | \$23,863 | | \$1.55 |

| Tax Commitment Calculation | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Municipal Tax Effort | \$11,501,808 |
| War Service Credits | (\$73,000) |
| Village District Tax Effort | \$23,863 |
| Total Property Tax Commitment | \$11,452,671 |

10/8/2015

Stephan Hamilton
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

| Description | Appropriation | Revenue |
|---|--------------------|---------------|
| Total Appropriation | \$4,282,862 | |
| Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance) | | (\$1,585,893) |
| Fund Balance Voted Surplus | | (\$2,600) |
| Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes | | (\$91,000) |
| War Service Credits | \$73,000 | |
| Special Adjustment | \$0 | |
| Actual Overlay Used | \$36,018 | |
| Net Required Local Tax Effort | \$2,712,387 | |

County Apportionment

| Description | Appropriation | Revenue |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Net County Apportionment | \$2,267,925 | |
| Net Required County Tax Effort | \$2,267,925 | |

Education

| Description | Appropriation | Revenue |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| Net Local School Appropriations | \$0 | |
| Net Cooperative School Appropriations | \$6,525,752 | |
| Net Education Grant | | (\$4,256) |
| Locally Retained State Education Tax | | (\$1,700,756) |
| Net Required Local Education Tax Effort | \$4,820,740 | |
| State Education Tax | \$1,700,756 | |
| State Education Tax Not Retained | \$0 | |
| Net Required State Education Tax Effort | \$1,700,756 | |

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

| Description | Current Year | Prior Year |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities | \$707,242,507 | \$704,469,467 |
| Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities | \$702,242,507 | \$699,469,467 |

Village (MS-1V)

| Description | Current Year |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Lake Todd Village | \$15,395,541 |

**Town Warrant
State of New Hampshire – 2016**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 1:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the eighth (8) day of March, next at one of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

To vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend and clarify language surrounding buildings, structures and setbacks.

The amendment would amend definitions for Building and Structure, and add a new definition for Setback.

YES _____ NO _____

RATIONALE:

These changes will provide more clarity concerning buildings, structures and setbacks to eliminate ambiguity in interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend and clarify language surrounding regulatory water levels and elevations.

The amendment would update the definitions of Mean Sea Level, Normal High Water, Reference Line, and Water Surface Elevation to match applicable state and federal standards.

YES _____ NO _____

RATIONALE:

These changes will provide updated information on the regulatory water levels referenced in the Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with the Flood Insurance Rate Map and state laws and environmental regulations. This amendment also specifies how the water levels are measured by the respective agencies.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 3 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend and clarify language concerning clearing, cutting and management of trees in the Shoreland Overlay District.

The amendment would add definitions for Mechanical Tree Harvesting and Tree Canopy and amend the Shoreland Overlay District to address tree cutting permitting requirements under Section 7.4 and ground disturbance prohibitions in the waterfront buffer.

YES _____ NO _____

RATIONALE:

These amendments address recurring issues associated with tree clearing and maintenance practices in the Shoreland Overlay District that can cause degraded water quality in the adjacent water body and have negative impacts on waterfront aesthetics. The proposed language enhances existing regulations and procedures intended to maintain public health, welfare and quality of life.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 4 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend and clarify language to make it consistent with State and Federal regulations and add permitted uses.

The amendment would remove “use” and “area” variance from the Definitions, add “Trailhead and recreational trail parking” use to the Business and Recreational Districts, amend Wetlands Overlay District, amend Watercourses, and amend local review for location of personal wireless services facilities on existing towers.

YES _____ NO _____

RATIONALE:

The deleted definitions remove “use” and “area” variance which are no longer used in variance review. The addition of “Trailhead and recreational trail parking” to the Business and Recreational Districts seeks to clarify allowance of the use as allowed. Changes to the Wetlands Overlay District and Watercourses clarify intent of the Zoning Ordinance. Removing Planning Board review from the requirements to permit personal wireless services facilities on existing towers makes the Zoning Ordinance compliant with Federal Communications Commission regulations.

PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 5:

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 5 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend the boundary description of the Blodgett Landing Cottage District.

The amendment would clarify the extent of the boundary of this district.

YES _____ NO _____

RATIONALE:

The proposed new Blodgett Landing Cottage District boundary description provides more clarity regarding lots within the district.

The Town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge – second floor – off Route 103 in Newbury.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000,000 for the design and construction and the original equipping of new fire and police buildings located behind the Veteran's Memorial and related site work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$4,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act

(RSA 33), and to authorize the municipal officers to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, and to determine the rate of interest thereof. The Selectmen (2 to 1) recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required)

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,784,736 for general operations:

| ANNUAL BUDGET | 2015 | Difference | 2016 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Executive | \$210,522 | 5,463 | \$215,985 |
| Elections | 5,013 | 5,979 | 10,992 |
| Financial Administration | 529,534 | 22,147 | 551,681 |
| Legal Expenses | 23,000 | 0 | 23,000 |
| Personnel Administration | 5,100 | 100 | 5,200 |
| Planning | 45,341 | 42,581 | 87,922 |
| Zoning | 12,157 | 5,503 | 17,660 |
| General Government Buildings | 65,326 | 839 | 66,165 |
| Cemeteries | 25,575 | -1,700 | 23,875 |
| Insurance | 76,232 | 2,781 | 79,013 |
| Other General Government | 14,000 | 0 | 14,000 |
| Police Department | 517,681 | -16,499 | 501,182 |
| Fire Department | 217,460 | -7,016 | 210,444 |
| Forest Fire | 1,067 | 13 | 1,080 |
| Code Enforcement | 43,454 | -777 | 42,677 |
| Emergency Management | 5,282 | 1,635 | 6,917 |
| Highway Maintenance | 688,748 | 8,826 | 697,574 |
| Highway Reconstruction | 215,000 | 10,000 | 225,000 |
| Street Lighting | 13,000 | 0 | 13,000 |
| Transfer Station | 306,223 | 3,850 | 310,073 |
| Health Agencies | 38,588 | 12,774 | 51,362 |
| Welfare | 22,769 | 0 | 22,769 |
| Information Booth | 7,084 | 111 | 7,195 |
| Parks and Recreation | 102,008 | 6,210 | 108,218 |
| Library | 161,307 | 13,217 | 174,524 |
| Conservation Commission | 3,017 | 440 | 3,457 |
| Historical Society | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Tax Anticipation Notes | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| Sewer Department | 270,528 | 5,790 | 276,318 |
| Bond/Note Principal | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bond/Note Interest | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Safety Communication Services | 34,319 | 2,034 | 36,353 |
| Capital Outlay | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL | \$3,660,435 | 124,301 | \$3,784,736 |

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$211,000 to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| FIRE EQUIPMENT | \$ 100,000 |
| HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT | \$ 100,000 |
| RECREATION FACILITIES | \$ 11,000 |

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| DOCKS | \$ 12,000 |
| TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT | \$ 6,000 |
| TOWN BUILDINGS | \$ 20,000 |
| MILFOIL CONTROL | \$ 5,000 |
| FD PERSONAL PROTECTION | \$ 10,000 |
| PAVING | \$ 75,000 |

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,500 for the purchase of a new backhoe, and furthermore to offset this amount by trading in the old backhoe for \$35,000 and to authorize the withdrawal of \$116,500 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,471 for a 2016 Police Ford Explorer utility interceptor and furthermore to offset this amount by trading in or selling by public auction, minimum expected \$3,000, the existing 2013 Police Cruiser. The balance to be raised by general taxation. (Majority vote required)

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Audio/Video upgrades in the large meeting room in the Town Office. (Majority vote required)

9. To see if the town will vote to establish a South Newbury Buildings Preservation Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the preservation of the South Newbury Historic Buildings, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to put in the fund; furthermore to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority vote required)

10. To see if the town will vote to establish an Agriculture Commission in accordance with RSA 673 and RSA 673:4-b, to consist of 3 members and 1 alternate member, to be appointed by the Selectmen. Further to create a non-lapsing, Agricultural Fund pursuant to RSA 674:44-g, to carry out the duties of the commission. (Majority vote required)

11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a perpetual, nonexclusive, right of way easement appurtenant over the town's land shown on the tax map as parcel 20A-283-366, being a portion of the old railroad bed at the foot of the lake, to benefit a certain parcel of land lying northerly thereof, specifically, a boathouse owned by Harlan and Sylvia Page shown on the tax map as parcel 20A-326-425, upon such terms and conditions as may be in the best interest of the town, and are mutually agreed by the parties. (By Petition) (Majority vote required)

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Newbury Board of Selectmen

| | |
|-------|-----------------------|
| _____ | Richard Wright, Chair |
| _____ | Edward Thorson |
| _____ | Russell Smith |

February 12, 2016 Date Posted

NOTES

NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body no later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots. However, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

- *Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016; and*
- *Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report.*

Read the Full statute at RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.

**Budget and Comparative Statement of Expenditures
for
The Town of Newbury, NH
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016**

| <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | <u>Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year</u> |
|--|--|---|--|
| RSA 32:3v | | | |
| General Government | | | |
| Executive | 210,522 | 205,306 | 215,985 |
| Election, Registration & Vital Statistics | 5,013 | 2,464 | 10,992 |
| Financial Administration | 529,534 | 512,577 | 551,681 |
| Legal Expenses | 23,000 | 16,715 | 23,000 |
| Personnel Administration | 5,100 | 5,590 | 5,200 |
| Planning | 45,341 | 30,103 | 87,922 |
| Zoning | 12,157 | 10,968 | 17,660 |
| General Government Buildings | 65,326 | 57,430 | 66,165 |
| Cemeteries | 25,575 | 21,673 | 23,875 |
| Insurance | 76,232 | 74,027 | 79,013 |
| Other General Government | 14,000 | 10,745 | 14,000 |
| Public Safety | | | |
| Police Department | 517,681 | 496,479 | 501,182 |
| Fire Department | 218,527 | 186,179 | 211,524 |
| Code Enforcement & Inspection | 43,454 | 33,039 | 42,677 |
| Emergency Management | 5,282 | 5,817 | 6,917 |
| Safety Communications Services | 34,319 | 30,351 | 36,353 |
| Highway | | | |
| Administration/Maintenance/Constr. | 903,748 | 893,857 | 922,574 |
| Street Lighting | 13,000 | 12,220 | 13,000 |
| Sanitation | | | |
| Solid Waste Collection | 166,323 | 157,778 | 167,573 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | 125,600 | 104,488 | 122,600 |
| Solid Waste Recycling | 14,300 | 24,656 | 19,900 |
| Health | | | |
| Health/Community/School Programs | 38,588 | 38,588 | 51,362 |
| Welfare | | | |
| Administration & Direct Assistance | 22,769 | 9,790 | 22,769 |
| Culture & Recreation | | | |
| Parks & Recreation | 102,008 | 96,394 | 108,218 |
| Library | 161,307 | 161,536 | 174,524 |
| Other | 8,084 | 7,910 | 8,195 |

| <u>Purpose of Appropriation</u> | <u>Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year</u> |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Conservation Commission | | | |
| Administration & Operations | 3,017 | 3,196 | 3,457 |
| Debt Service | | | |
| Principal: Long Term Bonds & Notes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest: Long Term Bonds & Notes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| Bond Issuance Costs | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Outlay | | | |
| Land | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Improvements | 60,000 | 59,948 | 0 |
| Machinery/Vehicles /Equipment | 210,827 | 152,375 | 178,971 |
| Buildings | 15,000 | 7,709 | 4,012,000 |
| Operating Transfers Out | | | |
| To Special Revenue Fund | 270,528 | 256,137 | 276,318 |
| To Capital Reserve Fund | 231,000 | 231,000 | 211,000 |
| To Expendable Trust Funds | 105,600 | 105,600 | 138,000 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | 4,282,862 | 3,968,645 | 8,324,707 |

| <u>Revenue Source</u> | Revenue | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | <u>2015 Revenue Estimate</u> | <u>2015 Actual Revenue</u> | <u>2016 Revenue Estimate</u> |
| Taxes | | | |
| Land Use Change Taxes | 10,000 | 26,740 | 13,000 |
| Yield Taxes | 15,000 | 7,699 | 15,000 |
| Payment In Lieu Of Taxes | 26,000 | 27,431 | 26,000 |
| Other Taxes | 9,000 | 9,281 | 9,000 |
| Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | 80,000 | 82,225 | 82,000 |
| Excavation Activity Tax | 500 | 280 | 500 |
| Licenses/Permits & Fees | | | |
| Business Licenses & Permits | 1,000 | 705 | 1,000 |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 420,000 | 443,870 | 460,000 |
| Building Permits | 28,000 | 23,794 | 26,000 |
| Other Licenses/Permits & Fees | 5,000 | 5,937 | 5,000 |
| From State | | | |
| Shared Revenue | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Meals & Room Tax Distribution | 105,000 | 100,794 | 105,000 |
| Highway Block Grant | 105,000 | 107,741 | 107,741 |
| Forest Land Reimbursement | 500 | 720 | 500 |
| Other | | | |
| From Other Governments | 200,000 | 192,810 | 216,000 |
| Charges For Services | | | |
| Income From Departments | 90,000 | 78,391 | 90,000 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | | | |
| Sale of Municipal Property | 49,000 | 180 | 42,000 |
| Interest on Investments | 3,000 | 925 | 3,000 |
| Other | 6,000 | 6,374 | 6,000 |
| Interfund Operating Transfers In | | | |
| Special Revenue Funds | 270,528 | 270,528 | 276,318 |
| Capital Reserve Funds | 168,827 | 152,375 | 116,500 |
| Cemetery | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Financing Sources | | | |
| Long Term Bonds & Notes | 0 | 0 | 4,000,000 |
| Surplus | 72,600 | 72,600 | 83,000 |
| TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS | 1,664,955 | 1,611,042 | 5,683,559 |

| | Year 2016 w/ articles | Year 2015 w/ articles |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | 8,324,707 | 4,282,862 |
| LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES | 5,683,559 | 1,664,955 |
| SUBTOTAL | 2,641,148 | 2,617,907 |
| ADD OVERLAY | 50,000 | 25,000 |
| ADD WAR SERVICE CREDITS | 73,000 | 73,000 |
| AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISE | 2,700,367 | 2,714,907 |
| LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION | 719,500,000 | 709,500,000 |
| PROJECTED TOWN TAX RATE | \$3.84 | \$3.83 |
| | Projected | Actual |
| | Tax Rate Change 0.36% | |

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

Clean Water SRF Loan Schedule

Print Date: 1/26/2016
 Total Disbursed: 2,729,898
 Interest rate: 0.7200%
 Administrative Fee: 2.0000%
 Term: 20 Years

Borrower: Newbury
 Project Number: 333229-02

| Ref Num | Due Date | Date Received | Beginning Balance | Principal Payment | Principal Forgiven | Interest Payment | Interest Rate % | Administrative Fees | Total Payment | Ending Balance |
|------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 6/1/2011 | 12/29/2010 | 2,472,605.16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,131.87 | 0.0100 | 0.00 | 5,131.87 | 2,472,605.16 |
| 2 | 6/1/2012 | 12/19/2012 | 2,607,028.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 54,495.76 | 0.7200 | 36,110.75 | 90,606.51 | 2,607,028.30 |
| 221487 | 6/1/2013 | 6/12/2013 | 2,729,898.06 | 70,919.40 | 1,364,949.03 | 309.09 | 0.7200 | 16,888.40 | 88,116.89 | 1,294,029.63 |
| 221650 | 6/1/2014 | 5/23/2014 | 1,294,029.63 | 52,919.29 | 0.00 | 9,317.01 | 0.7200 | 25,880.59 | 88,116.89 | 1,241,110.34 |
| 221799 | 6/1/2015 | 6/2/2015 | 1,241,110.34 | 54,358.69 | 0.00 | 8,935.99 | 0.7200 | 24,822.21 | 88,116.89 | 1,186,751.65 |
| 6 | 6/1/2016 | | 1,186,751.65 | 55,837.25 | 0.00 | 8,544.61 | 0.7200 | 23,735.03 | 88,116.89 | 1,130,914.40 |
| 7 | 6/1/2017 | | 1,130,914.40 | 57,356.02 | 0.00 | 8,142.58 | 0.7200 | 22,618.29 | 88,116.89 | 1,073,558.38 |
| 8 | 6/1/2018 | | 1,073,558.38 | 58,916.10 | 0.00 | 7,729.62 | 0.7200 | 21,471.17 | 88,116.89 | 1,014,642.28 |
| 9 | 6/1/2019 | | 1,014,642.28 | 60,518.62 | 0.00 | 7,305.42 | 0.7200 | 20,292.85 | 88,116.89 | 954,123.66 |
| 10 | 6/1/2020 | | 954,123.66 | 62,164.73 | 0.00 | 6,869.69 | 0.7200 | 19,082.47 | 88,116.89 | 891,958.93 |
| 11 | 6/1/2021 | | 891,958.93 | 63,855.61 | 0.00 | 6,432.10 | 0.7200 | 17,839.18 | 88,116.89 | 828,103.32 |
| 12 | 6/1/2022 | | 828,103.32 | 65,592.48 | 0.00 | 5,962.34 | 0.7200 | 16,562.07 | 88,116.89 | 762,510.84 |
| 13 | 6/1/2023 | | 762,510.84 | 67,376.59 | 0.00 | 5,490.08 | 0.7200 | 15,250.22 | 88,116.89 | 695,134.25 |
| 14 | 6/1/2024 | | 695,134.25 | 69,209.23 | 0.00 | 5,004.97 | 0.7200 | 13,902.69 | 88,116.89 | 625,925.02 |
| 15 | 6/1/2025 | | 625,925.02 | 71,091.73 | 0.00 | 4,506.66 | 0.7200 | 12,518.50 | 88,116.89 | 554,833.29 |
| 16 | 6/1/2026 | | 554,833.29 | 73,025.42 | 0.00 | 3,994.80 | 0.7200 | 11,096.67 | 88,116.89 | 481,807.87 |
| 17 | 6/1/2027 | | 481,807.87 | 75,011.71 | 0.00 | 3,469.02 | 0.7200 | 9,636.16 | 88,116.89 | 406,796.16 |
| 18 | 6/1/2028 | | 406,796.16 | 77,052.04 | 0.00 | 2,928.93 | 0.7200 | 8,135.92 | 88,116.89 | 329,744.12 |
| 19 | 6/1/2029 | | 329,744.12 | 79,147.85 | 0.00 | 2,374.16 | 0.7200 | 6,594.88 | 88,116.89 | 250,596.27 |
| 20 | 6/1/2030 | | 250,596.27 | 81,300.67 | 0.00 | 1,804.29 | 0.7200 | 5,011.93 | 88,116.89 | 169,295.60 |
| 21 | 6/1/2031 | | 169,295.60 | 83,512.05 | 0.00 | 1,218.93 | 0.7200 | 3,385.91 | 88,116.89 | 85,783.55 |
| 22 | 6/1/2032 | | 85,783.55 | 85,783.55 | 0.00 | 617.64 | 0.7200 | 1,715.67 | 88,116.86 | 0.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | 1,558,076.15 | |

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

Clean Water SRF Loan Schedule

Print Date: 1/26/2016
 Total Disbursed: 307,807
 Interest rate: 0.9520%
 Administrative Fee: 2.0000%
 Term: 20 Years

Borrower: Newbury
 Project Number: 229-01

| Ref Num | Due Date | Date Received | Beginning Balance | Principal Payment | Interest Payment | Interest Rate % | Administrative Fees | Total Payment | Ending Balance |
|------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Adj1 | 2/1/2008 | 1/18/2008 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,627.92 | 0.0000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 220951 | 1/1/2009 | 12/29/2008 | 307,807.03 | 0.00 | 3,078.07 | 1.0000 | 0.00 | 3,078.07 | 307,807.03 |
| 221051 | 1/1/2010 | 12/29/2009 | 307,807.03 | 0.00 | 3,078.07 | 1.0000 | 0.00 | 3,078.07 | 307,807.03 |
| 221156 | 1/1/2011 | 1/7/2011 | 307,807.03 | 15,390.35 | 2,930.32 | 0.9520 | 6,156.14 | 24,476.81 | 292,416.68 |
| 221288 | 1/1/2012 | 1/6/2012 | 292,416.68 | 15,390.35 | 2,783.81 | 0.9520 | 5,848.33 | 24,022.49 | 277,026.33 |
| 221438 | 1/1/2013 | 1/4/2013 | 277,026.33 | 15,390.35 | 2,637.29 | 0.9520 | 5,540.53 | 23,568.17 | 261,635.98 |
| 221607 | 1/1/2014 | 1/13/2014 | 261,635.98 | 15,390.35 | 2,490.77 | 0.9520 | 5,232.72 | 23,113.84 | 246,245.63 |
| 221750 | 1/1/2015 | 1/8/2015 | 246,245.63 | 15,390.35 | 2,344.26 | 0.9520 | 4,924.91 | 22,659.52 | 230,855.28 |
| 221910 | 1/1/2016 | | 230,855.28 | 15,390.35 | 2,197.74 | 0.9520 | 4,617.11 | 22,205.20 | 215,464.93 |
| 9 | 1/1/2017 | | 215,464.93 | 15,390.35 | 2,051.23 | 0.9520 | 4,309.30 | 21,750.88 | 200,074.58 |
| 10 | 1/1/2018 | | 200,074.58 | 15,390.35 | 1,904.71 | 0.9520 | 4,001.49 | 21,296.55 | 184,684.23 |
| 11 | 1/1/2019 | | 184,684.23 | 15,390.35 | 1,758.19 | 0.9520 | 3,693.68 | 20,842.22 | 169,293.88 |
| 12 | 1/1/2020 | | 169,293.88 | 15,390.35 | 1,611.68 | 0.9520 | 3,385.88 | 20,387.91 | 153,903.53 |
| 13 | 1/1/2021 | | 153,903.53 | 15,390.35 | 1,465.16 | 0.9520 | 3,078.07 | 19,933.58 | 138,513.18 |
| 14 | 1/1/2022 | | 138,513.18 | 15,390.35 | 1,318.65 | 0.9520 | 2,770.26 | 19,479.26 | 123,122.83 |
| 15 | 1/1/2023 | | 123,122.83 | 15,390.35 | 1,172.13 | 0.9520 | 2,462.46 | 19,024.94 | 107,732.48 |
| 16 | 1/1/2024 | | 107,732.48 | 15,390.35 | 1,025.61 | 0.9520 | 2,154.63 | 18,570.61 | 92,342.13 |
| 17 | 1/1/2025 | | 92,342.13 | 15,390.35 | 879.10 | 0.9520 | 1,846.84 | 18,116.29 | 76,951.78 |
| 18 | 1/1/2026 | | 76,951.78 | 15,390.35 | 732.58 | 0.9520 | 1,539.04 | 17,661.97 | 61,561.43 |
| 19 | 1/1/2027 | | 61,561.43 | 15,390.35 | 586.06 | 0.9520 | 1,231.23 | 17,207.64 | 46,171.08 |
| 20 | 1/1/2028 | | 46,171.08 | 15,390.35 | 439.55 | 0.9520 | 923.42 | 16,753.32 | 30,780.73 |
| 21 | 1/1/2029 | | 30,780.73 | 15,390.35 | 293.03 | 0.9520 | 615.61 | 16,298.99 | 15,390.38 |
| 22 | 1/1/2030 | | 15,390.38 | 15,390.38 | 146.52 | 0.9520 | 307.81 | 15,844.71 | 0.00 |
| | | | | 307,807.03 | 38,552.45 | | | 64,639.48 | 409,371.04 |

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To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Newbury
Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and OMB Circular A-133), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated December 31, 2014. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Town of Newbury are described in the Notes to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the Town of Newbury's Statement of Net Position financial statements (related footnote) was:

Actuarial Valuation of Post-Employment Benefits under GASB 45.

Management's estimate of the valuation of OPEBs is based on an actuarial valuation. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the valuation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated as of the report date and updated if applicable.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Newbury and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Grzelak and Co., P.C.

GRZELAK & COMPANY, P.C., CPA's

Laconia, New Hampshire

June 5, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Newbury
Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and schedule of funding progress for other postemployment benefits on pages 7 through 22 and 54 through 60 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Newbury's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Grzelak and Co., P.C.

GRZELAK & COMPANY, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire
June 5, 2015

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury
December 31, 2014

The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator, as "management" of the Town of Newbury (the "Town"), a local municipality located in the County of Merrimack, New Hampshire, submits this section of the Town's annual financial report in order to present our discussion and analysis of the Town's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2014. Our discussion and analysis is in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town's total combined net position decreased by \$84,502 or 1% between December 31, 2013 and 2014.
- The Town's total combined net position amounted to \$13,057,179 at December 31, 2014. Net position consisted of: \$11,561,101 net investment in capital assets; \$704,737 restricted for capital reserves; \$389,637 restricted for other nonmajor funds for purposes of each established fund; and an unrestricted net asset balance of \$401,704.
- The Town has a \$1,773,855 liability for long-term obligations that, under GASB 34, reduces net position. This does not mean that the Town has this entire payment requirement for next year; rather, only \$82,250 of these obligations is due to be paid during the year ended December 31, 2015.
- The Town's long-term liabilities, consisting of general obligation bonds and notes, compensated absence obligations, capital leases, unamortized bond premiums, and other postemployment obligations decreased by a net (additions less reductions) \$209,415 during the year ended December 31, 2014. The net decrease consisted of \$50,722 in additions to the long-term liabilities and \$260,137 in current year reductions.
- During the year, the Town's expenses were \$84,502 more than the \$3,982,467 in revenues generated for charges for services, operating grants and contributions and general revenues (consisting of property taxes and local, state and federal grants and contributions not restricted to specific purposes).

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury
December 31, 2014

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

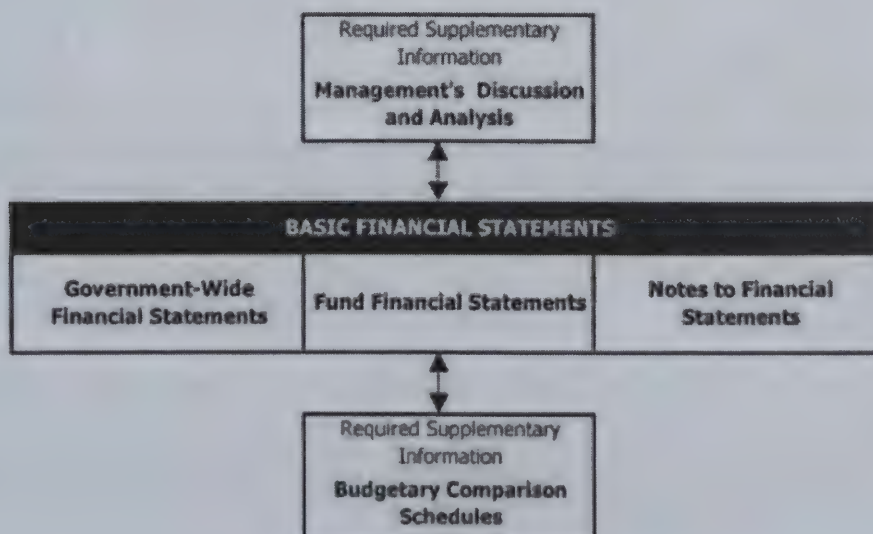
This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements are comprised of six primary sections or components: (1) basic government-wide financial statements, (full accrual financial statements), (2) basic fund financial statements, (modified accrual financial statements, current financial resources only), (3) notes to basic financial statements, (4) required supplementary information, (5) notes to required supplementary information, and (6) other supplementary information.

The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Town based upon measurement focus and basis of accounting.

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Town, reporting the Town's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The governmental funds statements tell how the Town's services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the Town acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Exhibit A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

Exhibit A-1



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury
December 31, 2014

Exhibit A-2 summarizes the major features of the Town's financial statements, including the portion of the Town government they cover and the types of information they contain.

Exhibit A-2

| | Government-Wide | Fund Statements | |
|---|--|--|--|
| | | Governmental | Fiduciary |
| SCOPE | Entire Town government (except fiduciary funds) | All activities of the Town that are not proprietary or fiduciary | Instances in which the Town is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources |
| REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS | Statement of Net Position | Balance Sheet | Statement of Fiduciary Net Position |
| | Statement of Activities | Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances | Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position |
| ACCOUNTING BASIS | Accrual | Modified Accrual | Accrual |
| MEASUREMENT FOCUS | Economic Resources | Current Financial Resources | Economic Resources |
| TYPE OF INFORMATION ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS, AND LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS | All assets and deferred outflows, and liabilities and deferred inflows, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term | Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter, no capital assets included | All assets and deferred outflows, and liabilities and deferred inflows, both short-term and long-term; the Agency funds do not currently have capital assets although they can |
| TYPE OF INFORMATION REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND EXPENDITURES | All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid | Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year, expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter | All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid |

The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Town of Newbury
December 31, 2014

Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The first two basic statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Town's overall financial status and report net position and changes in them. Net position is the difference between (a) assets and deferred outflows of resources and (b) liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and is one way to measure the Town's financial health, or financial position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- In order to assess the overall health of the Town other non-financial factors should also be considered, such as changes in the Town's general revenues (principally property taxes and general state aid), and federal and state intergovernmental revenues (grant programs); the condition of the Town's buildings and other depreciable property (likelihood of emergency repairs or maintenance); and other items subject to significant financial or budgetary uncertainty.

The government-wide financial statements of the Town are included in the Governmental Activities category. Most of the Town's basic services are included here, such as executive, public safety, highway maintenance, sanitation, culture and recreation and conservation services. General revenues, including property taxes, state aid, and federal and state grant programs, finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements:

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Town's most significant funds, not the Town as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Town uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. State law, regulation or bond covenants actually require the establishment of some funds, while others are established to comply with the requirements of grantors. The Town has two kinds of funds:

Governmental Funds - Most of the Town's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs. Because information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information on the subsequent page that explains the relationships (or differences) between them.

Fiduciary Funds - The Town is responsible for other assets that, because of an agency arrangement, can be used only for the intended purposes. These funds are excluded from the Town's government-wide financial statements because the Town cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE Net position

Exhibit B-1 shows the composition of the Town's total combined net position, which decreased between December 31, 2013 and 2014 by \$84,502 or 1% to \$13,057,179.

Exhibit B-1 NET POSITION

| | Governmental Activities | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | Change |
| Assets | | | |
| Current and other assets | \$ 4,608,502 | \$ 4,520,802 | \$ (87,700) |
| Noncurrent assets | <u>13,201,587</u> | <u>13,067,412</u> | <u>(134,175)</u> |
| Total assets | 17,810,089 | 17,588,214 | (221,875) |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources | | | |
| Deferred outflows of resources | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total deferred outflows of resources | - | - | - |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current liabilities | 2,936,518 | 2,839,430 | (97,088) |
| Noncurrent liabilities (as restated) | <u>1,731,890</u> | <u>1,691,605</u> | <u>(40,285)</u> |
| Total liabilities | 4,668,408 | 4,531,035 | (137,373) |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources | | | |
| Deferred inflows of resources | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total deferred inflows of resources | - | - | - |
| Net Position | | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 11,466,737 | 11,561,101 | 94,364 |
| Restricted | 1,246,326 | 1,094,374 | (151,952) |
| Unrestricted | <u>428,618</u> | <u>401,704</u> | <u>(26,914)</u> |
| Total net position | <u>\$ 13,141,681</u> | <u>\$ 13,057,179</u> | <u>\$ (84,502)</u> |

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A portion of the net position is either invested in capital assets or restricted as to the purposes they can be used for.

- The Town's investment in capital assets (land and land improvements, construction in progress, buildings, furniture and equipment and infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation), net of related debt, is the largest component of the total combined net position.
- Restricted net position represent capital project, capital reserves and specific fund net asset amounts that are not available for discretionary spending.

Unrestricted net position is a positive of \$401,704; it is the result of having resources that are more than liabilities.

Change in Net position

The Town's total revenues were \$3,982,467 while total expenses were \$4,066,969, resulting in a decrease in net position of \$84,502.

Exhibit B-2 shows that a significant portion of the Town's total revenues came from the following general revenue sources; 68.58% from property taxes, 10.97% from local sources and unrestricted fees and, 2.53% from State of New Hampshire source intergovernmental revenues primarily derived from state aid programs. Program revenues directly associated with a specific department accounted for the following percentages of total revenues, charges for services provided 13.83% of total revenues while operating grants and contributions provided 3.05% of total revenues.

Exhibit B-2 SOURCES OF TOWN REVENUES

| Governmental Activities | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|-----------|---------|----|-----------|---------|------------------|
| | 2013 | | 2014 | | Change | | |
| Program Revenues | | | | | | | |
| Charges for services | \$ | 547,155 | 13.94% | \$ | 550,666 | 13.83% | \$ 3,511 0.64% |
| Operating grants and contributions | | 122,363 | 3.12% | | 121,272 | 3.05% | (1,091) -0.89% |
| General Revenues | | | | | | | |
| Property taxes | | 2,661,106 | 67.80% | | 2,731,269 | 68.58% | 70,163 2.64% |
| Local sources | | 408,243 | 10.40% | | 436,933 | 10.97% | 28,690 7.03% |
| State of New Hampshire sources | | 92,933 | 2.37% | | 100,857 | 2.53% | 7,924 8.53% |
| Other sources | | 93,233 | 2.38% | | 41,470 | 1.04% | (51,763) -55.52% |
| | \$ | 3,925,033 | 100.00% | \$ | 3,982,467 | 100.00% | \$ 57,434 1.46% |

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Exhibit B-3 shows that 23.56% of the Town's total expenses were for general government, public safety expenses accounted for 17.60% of total expenses, while 16.85% were for maintenance of highways and streets and 10.77% were for sanitation expenses.

Exhibit B-3 TOWN EXPENSES

Governmental Activities

| | 2013 | | | 2014 | | Change | |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------|---------|------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| Functions / Programs | | | | | | | |
| General government | \$ | 941,452 | 23.75% | \$ | 958,289 | 23.56% | \$ 16,837 1.79% |
| Public safety | | 674,764 | 17.02% | | 715,741 | 17.60% | 40,977 6.07% |
| Highways and streets | | 844,019 | 21.29% | | 685,105 | 16.85% | (158,914) -18.83% |
| Sanitation | | 438,290 | 11.06% | | 438,203 | 10.77% | (87) -0.02% |
| Health | | 29,251 | 0.74% | | 32,050 | 0.79% | 2,799 9.57% |
| Welfare | | 8,756 | 0.22% | | 14,880 | 0.37% | 6,124 69.94% |
| Culture and recreation | | 241,435 | 6.09% | | 260,991 | 6.42% | 19,556 8.10% |
| Conservation | | 3,217 | 0.08% | | 114,135 | 2.81% | 110,918 3447.87% |
| Debt service | | 18,114 | 0.46% | | 38,460 | 0.95% | 20,346 112.32% |
| Capital outlay | | 70,669 | 1.78% | | 61,317 | 1.51% | (9,352) -13.23% |
| Payments to other governments | | 2,165 | 0.05% | | 2,034 | 0.05% | (131) -6.05% |
| Other financing uses | | 33,124 | 0.84% | | 42,137 | 1.04% | 9,013 27.21% |
| Unallocated | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation | | 658,357 | 16.61% | | 703,627 | 17.30% | 45,270 6.88% |
| | \$ | 3,963,613 | 100.00% | \$ | 4,066,969 | 100.00% | \$ 103,356 2.61% |

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Governmental Activities

Exhibit B-4 presents the net cost of the Town's largest functions based upon the total expense, less charges for services and operating grants and contributions, of each function. The net cost reflects the amount that was funded by general revenues (principally property taxes and general state aid).

Exhibit B-4
TOTAL AND NET COST OF SERVICES

| | 2013 | | 2014 | |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| | Total Cost of Services | Net Cost of Services | Total Cost of Services | Net Cost of Services |
| Functions / Programs | | | | |
| General government | \$ 941,452 | \$ 711,227 | \$ 958,289 | \$ 719,682 |
| Public safety | 674,764 | 666,586 | 715,741 | 707,352 |
| Highways and streets | 844,019 | 730,118 | 685,105 | 582,788 |
| Sanitation | 438,290 | 155,444 | 438,203 | 137,875 |
| Health | 29,251 | 29,251 | 32,050 | 32,050 |
| Welfare | 8,756 | 7,532 | 14,880 | 14,710 |
| Culture and recreation | 241,435 | 208,291 | 260,991 | 238,864 |
| Conservation | 3,217 | 3,217 | 114,135 | 114,135 |
| Debt Service | 18,114 | 18,114 | 38,460 | 38,460 |
| Capital outlay | 70,669 | 70,669 | 61,317 | 61,317 |
| Payments to other governments | 2,165 | 2,165 | 2,034 | 2,034 |
| Other financing uses/nonoperating expenses | 33,124 | 33,124 | 42,137 | 42,137 |
| Unallocated | | | | |
| Depreciation | 658,357 | 658,357 | 703,627 | 703,627 |
| | <u>\$ 3,963,613</u> | <u>\$ 3,294,095</u> | <u>\$ 4,066,969</u> | <u>\$ 3,395,031</u> |

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The total cost of all governmental activities this year was \$4,066,969; the total net cost was \$3,395,031. The primary financing for these activities of the Town was as follows:

Taxes

- The amount that was paid by taxpayers was \$2,629,810 from property taxes, \$10,097 from land use change taxes, \$2,439 from yield taxes, \$348 from excavation taxes, and \$8,942 from other taxes.
- Payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$23,295.
- Interest collected on delinquent taxes was \$72,482, while abatements charged against current year taxes were \$16,144.

Local Sources

- Motor vehicle permit fees amounted to \$406,075.
- Other miscellaneous permits and fees amounted to \$30,858.

State Sources

- Meals and rental tax distributions were received in the amount of \$100,857.

Miscellaneous Revenues

- Sale of municipal property in the amount of \$3,212.
- Earnings on investments amounted to \$775.
- Contributions and donations were received in the amount of \$5,898.
- Other miscellaneous sources were received in the amount of \$31,585.

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ANALYSIS OF BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

General Fund

The general fund balance decreased \$75,395 during the year from a surplus balance of \$1,449,380 at December 31, 2013 to a \$1,373,985 fund balance at December 31, 2014. The December 31, 2014 fund balance consisted of \$704,737 restricted for capital reserves, and an unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$669,248.

Restricted expendable maintenance and capital reserve funds (established by voters at an annual Town meeting as trust funds in accordance with statutory requirements) are combined with the general fund in the basic financial statements. The capital reserve fund balances were \$704,737 at December 31, 2014. In accordance with statutory requirements they are held by the Trustees of Trust Funds and are only released for the restricted specific purposes of the individual funds.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Library Fund

The library fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The library fund is used to account for contributions and donations managed by the Library Trustees.

Blodgett Sewer Fund

The sewer fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The sewer fund balance increased \$21,089 during the year from a surplus balance of \$157,203 at December 31, 2013 to a balance of \$178,292 at December 31, 2014.

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Recreation Revolving Fund

The recreation revolving fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The recreation fund was created by town meeting to account for program activities. The fund had a balance of \$4,625 at December 31, 2014.

Conservation Fund

The conservation fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The conservation fund is financed from a portion of the land use change tax collections during the year. The conservation fund had a fund balance of \$77,627 at December 31, 2014.

Beautification Committee Fund

The beautification fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The beautification fund is financed through local donations. The beautification fund had a fund balance of \$14,913 at December 31, 2014.

Veteran's Memorial Fund

The Veteran's Memorial fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Veteran's Memorial fund is used to account for donations to maintain the Veteran's Memorial. The balance in the fund as of December 31, 2014 was \$100.

Blodgett Sewer Project Fund

The Blodgett sewer project fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Blodgett sewer project fund is used to account for the improvement of the wastewater treatment facility in the Blodgett area. The project is funded by general obligation debt and grants and was substantially completed as of December 31, 2014.

Hazard Mitigation Fund

The Hazard Mitigation fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Hazard Mitigation fund is used to account for a grant to clean up hazardous sites.

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Common Trust Funds

The common trust funds are classified as permanent funds and are aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The common trust funds balance at December 31, 2014 is comprised of \$102,208 of nonspendable endowments and \$23,578 of restricted fund balance for its intended purpose.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended December 31, 2014 the Town did not revise its statutory budgetary line items; rather, the Town's budgetary control was managed on an aggregate total budget-to-actual basis; total estimated revenues and appropriations versus actual revenues and expenditures.

Final Versus Original Budget Comparison

The original and final budget amounts were the same for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Actual Versus Final Budget Comparison

The amounts of actual inflows (resources) and outflows (charges to appropriations) varied from the final budget for the following significant items:

- Actual inflows (resources) were less than the budgetary revenue estimates by \$50,246.
- Actual total outflows (expenditures or charges to appropriations) were less than the budgeted total appropriation by \$111,094.

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CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2014, the Town had invested \$13,067,412 (\$28,415,876 at cost or estimated cost less accumulated depreciation of \$15,348,464) in a broad range of capital assets, including land and land improvements, infrastructure, buildings, vehicles and furniture and equipment as summarized in Exhibit C-1.

This amount represents a net decrease of 1.02% from the prior year. This year major additions are also summarized in Exhibit C-1.

Exhibit C-1 NET CAPITAL ASSETS AND MAJOR ADDITIONS

| Net Capital Assets | Governmental Activities | | |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | Change |
| Land and improvements | \$ 6,506,426 | \$ 6,590,998 | 1.30% |
| Construction in progress | 8,229 | 8,229 | 0.00% |
| Infrastructure | 13,909,429 | 14,074,469 | 1.19% |
| Buildings | 3,591,378 | 3,623,583 | 0.90% |
| Vehicles | 2,124,629 | 2,214,724 | 4.24% |
| Machinery and equipment | 1,781,846 | 1,754,588 | -1.53% |
| Technology equipment | 132,277 | 149,285 | 12.86% |
| Capital assets, at cost | 28,054,214 | 28,415,876 | 1.29% |
| Accumulated depreciation | (14,852,627) | (15,348,464) | -3.34% |
| Capital assets, net | \$ 13,201,587 | \$ 13,067,412 | -1.02% |
| Increase in Capital Assets, Net | | \$ (134,175) | |
| Changes | | | |
| Land and improvement additions | | \$ 84,572 | |
| Infrastructure addition | | 165,040 | |
| Building additions | | 32,205 | |
| Vehicle purchases | | 271,043 | |
| Machinery and equipment additions | | 27,389 | |
| Gain (Loss) on disposals | | (10,797) | |
| Depreciation | | (703,627) | |
| | | \$ (134,175) | |

More detailed information about the Town's capital assets is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

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Debt

At December 31, 2014, the Town had \$1,691,605 of long-term obligations (\$1,773,855 in total obligations less the current portion of \$82,250) as summarized in Exhibit C-2.

This amount represents a net decrease of 2.33% from the prior year.

Exhibit C-2 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

| Long-Term Liabilities | Governmental Activities | | |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | 2013 | 2014 | Change |
| General obligation bonds | \$ 1,715,666 | \$ 1,487,357 | -13.31% |
| Capital leases | 19,184 | 18,954 | -1.20% |
| Compensated absences | 123,867 | 121,951 | -1.55% |
| OPEB obligations | 114,253 | 145,593 | 27.43% |
| Unamortized bond premium | 10,300 | - | -100.00% |
| | 1,983,270 | 1,773,855 | -10.56% |
| Less current portion | (251,380) | (82,250) | 67.28% |
| | <u>\$ 1,731,890</u> | <u>\$ 1,691,605</u> | <u>-2.33%</u> |
| Net Change | | <u>\$ (40,285)</u> | |
| Changes | | | |
| New capital lease obligation | | \$ 19,382 | |
| Principal payment on general obligation debt | | (228,309) | |
| Principal payment on capital leases | | (19,612) | |
| Change in compensated absences | | (1,916) | |
| Change in OPEB obligations | | 31,340 | |
| Amortization of bond premium | | (10,300) | |
| Change in current portion | | 169,130 | |
| | | <u>\$ (40,285)</u> | |

State law (RSA 195:6II) limits the amount of general obligation debt that the Town may incur at any one time to 1.75% of the locally assessed valuation as equalized by the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. At December 31, 2014, the Town was significantly below its legal debt limit of approximately \$12,479,452.

More detailed information about the Town's long-term liabilities is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

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ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Town Administrator, Department Heads and the Selectmen considered many factors when submitting the 2015 budget to the municipal Budget Committee and the town voters.

These considerations included the following:

1. Local revenues are showing increases notably they include motor vehicle registrations and building permits.
2. The Select board's/Budget Committee's desire to keep the tax rate level.
3. An appropriation of \$158,250 for a purchase of a Loader was authorized by town meeting but the source of revenue was the capital reserve.
4. An appropriation of \$52,577 for a purchase of a One to pickup truck equipped with plow and sander was authorized by town meeting but the source of revenue was the capital reserve.
5. An appropriation of \$60,000 for a concept study for new safety services facilities from general taxation.
6. An appropriation of \$15,000 to construct a town office basement fire-proof document storage room from general taxation.
7. Paving was increased by \$10,000 from the year before.
8. The Select board has started the process of constructing new safety services facilities by bringing to the voters a warrant article to get information on the sites.
9. The town continues to fund its capital reserves/expandable trust funds in the same manner as we have in the past.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Administrator.

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Balance Sheet Governmental Funds December 31, 2014

| | General Fund | Nonmajor Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,671,822 | \$ 5,405 | \$ 2,677,227 |
| Investments | 706,016 | 321,161 | 1,027,177 |
| Property taxes receivable | 502,400 | - | 502,400 |
| Land use taxes receivable | 4,897 | - | 4,897 |
| Timber taxes receivable | 172 | - | 172 |
| Tax liens receivable | 196,106 | - | 196,106 |
| Accounts receivable | 79,348 | 33,455 | 112,803 |
| Other receivables | 20 | - | 20 |
| Due from other funds | - | 82,002 | 82,002 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 4,160,781</u> | <u>\$ 442,023</u> | <u>\$ 4,602,804</u> |
| Liabilities and Fund Balances | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 32,891 | \$ - | \$ 32,891 |
| Accrued expenses | 518 | - | 518 |
| Due to other governments | 2,723,771 | - | 2,723,771 |
| Due to other funds | 29,616 | 52,386 | 82,002 |
| Total liabilities | <u>2,786,796</u> | <u>52,386</u> | <u>2,839,182</u> |
| Fund balances: | | | |
| Nonspendable | - | 102,208 | 102,208 |
| Restricted | 704,737 | 64,358 | 769,095 |
| Committed | - | 275,457 | 275,457 |
| Assigned | - | - | - |
| Unassigned | 669,248 | (52,386) | 616,862 |
| Total fund balances | <u>1,373,985</u> | <u>389,637</u> | <u>1,763,622</u> |
| Total liabilities and fund balances | <u>\$ 4,160,781</u> | <u>\$ 442,023</u> | <u>\$ 4,602,804</u> |

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements
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NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The Town can issue general obligation debt instruments to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital equipment, infrastructure and other facilities. General obligation debt instruments are "direct government obligations" and consequently are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town is obligated under certain leases accounted for as capital leases. The leased assets are accounted for as capital assets and capital lease liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements the lease is recorded as an expenditure and other financing source in the year executed; annual lease payments are recorded as expenditures when paid. Other long-term obligations include compensated absences and early retirement obligations.

A summary of long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2014 is as follows:

| | General Obligation Debt | Capital Leases Obligations | Compensated Absences | Unamortized Bond Premium | OPEB Obligations | Total |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning balance | \$ 1,715,666 | \$ 19,184 | \$ 123,867 | \$ 10,300 | \$ 114,253 | \$ 1,983,270 |
| Additions | - | 19,382 | - | - | 31,340 | 50,722 |
| Reductions | (228,309) | (19,612) | (1,916) | (10,300) | - | (260,137) |
| Ending balance | <u>1,487,357</u> | <u>18,954</u> | <u>121,951</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>145,593</u> | <u>1,773,855</u> |
| Current portion | 69,749 | 12,501 | - | - | - | 82,250 |
| Noncurrent portion | <u>1,417,608</u> | <u>6,453</u> | <u>121,951</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>145,593</u> | <u>1,691,605</u> |
| | <u>\$ 1,487,357</u> | <u>\$ 18,954</u> | <u>\$ 121,951</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 145,593</u> | <u>\$ 1,773,855</u> |

Long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2014 consisted of the following:

| | Issue Year | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Original Amount of Issue | Balance Outstanding |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>General Obligation Bonds</u> | | | | | |
| State Revolving Loan Proceeds | 2010 | 0.86% | 5/1/2031 | \$ 1,315,860 | \$ 1,241,110 |
| Clean Water Revolving Loan | 2011 | 0.952% | 1/1/2030 | 307,807 | 246,247 |
| | | | | | <u>1,487,357</u> |
| <u>Capital Lease Obligations</u> | | | | | |
| Ford motor credit - Interceptor | 2013 | | 2015 | 19,259 | 6,413 |
| Ford motor credit - Interceptor | 2014 | | 2016 | 19,382 | 12,541 |
| | | | | | <u>18,954</u> |
| <u>Other Long-Term Obligations</u> | | | | | |
| Compensated absences | | | | | 121,951 |
| OPEB obligations | | | | | <u>145,593</u> |
| | | | | | <u>267,544</u> |
| | | | | | <u>\$ 1,773,855</u> |

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Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation debt are as follows:

| | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2015 | \$ 69,749 | \$ 36,102 | \$ 105,851 |
| 2016 | 71,227 | 34,478 | 105,705 |
| 2017 | 72,746 | 32,812 | 105,558 |
| 2018 | 74,306 | 31,106 | 105,412 |
| 2019 | 75,909 | 29,356 | 105,265 |
| After | <u>1,123,420</u> | <u>201,066</u> | <u>1,324,486</u> |
| | <u>\$ 1,487,357</u> | <u>\$ 364,920</u> | <u>\$ 1,852,277</u> |

Obligations under capital lease are as follows:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| 2015 | \$ 13,637 |
| 2016 | 6,840 |
| 2017 | - |
| After | <u>-</u> |
| Total minimum lease payments | 20,477 |
| Less amount representing imputed interest | <u>(1,523)</u> |
| Present value of minimum lease payments | <u>\$ 18,954</u> |

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2014

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | Actual | Variance |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Budgetary Fund Balance - Beginning | \$ 70,800 | \$ 70,800 | \$ 679,200 | \$ 608,400 |
| Resources (inflows): | | | | |
| Taxes | | | | |
| Property taxes | 10,847,507 | 10,847,507 | 10,848,950 | 1,443 |
| Taxes assessed for school | (6,090,977) | (6,090,977) | (6,090,977) | - |
| Taxes assessed for county | (2,108,638) | (2,108,638) | (2,108,638) | - |
| Taxes Assessed for precinct | (19,525) | (19,525) | (19,525) | - |
| Land use change taxes | 20,000 | 20,000 | 10,097 | (9,903) |
| Timber taxes | 15,000 | 15,000 | 2,439 | (12,561) |
| Payments in lieu of taxes | 21,820 | 21,820 | 23,295 | 1,475 |
| Other taxes | 9,000 | 9,000 | 8,942 | (58) |
| Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes | 95,000 | 95,000 | 72,482 | (22,518) |
| Excavation tax | 500 | 500 | 348 | (152) |
| Provision for overlay and abatements | (23,279) | (23,279) | (16,144) | 7,135 |
| Licenses, permits and fees | | | | |
| Business licenses and permits | 1,000 | 1,000 | 330 | (670) |
| Motor vehicle permit fees | 400,000 | 400,000 | 406,075 | 6,075 |
| Building permits | 20,000 | 20,000 | 25,512 | 5,512 |
| Other licenses, permits and fees | 4,500 | 4,500 | 5,016 | 516 |
| State of NH sources | | | | |
| Meals and rental tax distribution | 100,857 | 100,857 | 100,857 | - |
| Highway block grant | 99,545 | 99,545 | 99,904 | 359 |
| State and federal forest land reimbursement | 230 | 230 | 230 | - |
| Charges for services | | | | |
| Income from departments | 90,000 | 90,000 | 49,061 | (40,939) |
| Other charges | 200,000 | 200,000 | 191,386 | (8,614) |
| Miscellaneous revenues | | | | |
| Sale of municipal property | 57,000 | 57,000 | 3,212 | (53,788) |
| Interest on investments | 3,000 | 3,000 | 471 | (2,529) |
| Rents of property | - | - | 150 | 150 |
| Insurance dividends and reimbursements | - | - | 41,199 | 41,199 |
| Other miscellaneous sources | 6,000 | 6,000 | 9 | (5,991) |
| Interfund operating transfers in | | | | |
| Transfers from special revenue funds | 274,800 | 274,800 | 314,963 | 40,163 |
| Transfers from other funds | - | - | 3,450 | 3,450 |
| Actual Inflows (excluding fund balance) | <u>4,023,340</u> | <u>4,023,340</u> | <u>3,973,094</u> | <u>(50,246)</u> |
| Amounts available for appropriation | \$ <u>4,094,140</u> | \$ <u>4,094,140</u> | \$ <u>4,652,294</u> | \$ <u>558,154</u> |

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2014

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | Actual | Variance |
|--|--------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| Charges to appropriations (outflows): | | | | |
| General government | | | | |
| Executive | \$ 205,563 | \$ 205,563 | \$ 200,656 | \$ 4,907 |
| Election and registration | 9,414 | 9,414 | 8,681 | 733 |
| Financial administration | 514,779 | 514,779 | 502,794 | 11,985 |
| Legal expense | 23,000 | 23,000 | 19,107 | 3,893 |
| Personnel administration | 4,700 | 4,700 | 6,546 | (1,846) |
| Planning and zoning | 69,171 | 69,171 | 49,383 | 19,788 |
| General government building | 58,921 | 58,921 | 56,299 | 2,622 |
| Cemeteries | 26,113 | 26,113 | 25,300 | 813 |
| Insurance not otherwise allocated | 69,180 | 69,180 | 84,807 | (15,627) |
| Other general government | 14,000 | 14,000 | 11,578 | 2,422 |
| Public safety | | | | |
| Police | 515,217 | 515,217 | 485,783 | 29,434 |
| Fire | 192,062 | 192,062 | 203,528 | (11,466) |
| Building inspection | 44,079 | 44,079 | 34,154 | 9,925 |
| Emergency management | 5,282 | 5,282 | 4,838 | 444 |
| Other public safety | 29,149 | 29,149 | 27,506 | 1,643 |
| Highways and streets | | | | |
| Administration | 647,809 | 647,809 | 649,924 | (2,115) |
| Highways and streets | 195,000 | 195,000 | 195,700 | (700) |
| Street lighting | 16,465 | 16,465 | 12,001 | 4,464 |
| Sanitation | | | | |
| Administration | 183,332 | 183,332 | 174,156 | 9,176 |
| Solid waste disposal | 121,600 | 121,600 | 103,644 | 17,956 |
| Solid waste clean-up | 14,300 | 14,300 | 14,110 | 190 |
| Health | | | | |
| Health agencies and hospitals | 33,551 | 33,551 | 32,050 | 1,501 |
| Welfare | | | | |
| Administration | - | - | 2,834 | (2,834) |
| Direct assistance | 22,769 | 22,769 | 12,046 | 10,723 |
| Culture and recreation | | | | |
| Parks and recreation | 87,962 | 87,962 | 79,305 | 8,657 |
| Library | 143,004 | 143,004 | 138,600 | 4,404 |
| Other culture and recreation | 7,723 | 7,723 | 6,943 | 780 |
| Conservation | | | | |
| Purchase of natural resources | 2,685 | 2,685 | 3,135 | (450) |
| Other conservation | - | - | 1,000 | (1,000) |
| Debt service | | | | |
| Principal on long term bonds and notes | 160,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | - |
| Interest on long term bonds and notes | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 | - |
| Interest on tax anticipation notes | 100 | 100 | - | 100 |

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2014

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | Actual | Variance |
|--|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Capital outlay | | | | |
| Land and improvements | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 80,595 | \$ (80,595) |
| Machinery, vehicles, and equipment | 309,410 | 309,410 | 259,705 | 49,705 |
| Buildings | 25,000 | 25,000 | 26,400 | (1,400) |
| Improvements other than buildings | 82,000 | 82,000 | 892 | 81,108 |
| Other | - | - | 43,612 | (43,612) |
| Interfund operating transfers out | | | | |
| Transfer to special revenue funds | - | - | 2,600 | (2,600) |
| Transfer to capital reserves | 252,800 | 252,800 | 252,800 | - |
| Payments to other governments | | | | |
| Payments to other governments | - | - | 2,034 | (2,034) |
| Total charges to appropriations | <u>4,094,140</u> | <u>4,094,140</u> | <u>3,983,046</u> | <u>111,094</u> |
| Budgetary Fund Balance - Ending | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 669,248</u> | <u>\$ 669,248</u> |

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Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds December 31, 2014

| | Library Fund | Blodgett Sewer | Recreation Revolving Fund | Conservation Fund | Beautification Committee | Veterans Memorial Fund | Blodgett Sewer Project | Hazard Mitigation | Common Trust Funds | Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Assets | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 780 | \$ - | \$ 4,625 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 5,405 |
| Investments | - | 117,975 | - | 77,400 | - | - | - | - | 125,786 | 321,161 |
| Accounts receivable | - | 33,455 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 33,455 |
| Due from other funds | - | 26,862 | - | 227 | 14,913 | 100 | - | 39,900 | - | 82,002 |
| Total assets | \$ 780 | \$ 178,292 | \$ 4,625 | \$ 77,627 | \$ 14,913 | \$ 100 | \$ - | \$ 39,900 | \$ 125,786 | \$ 442,023 |
| Liabilities and Fund Balances | | | | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Due to other funds | - | - | - | - | - | - | 52,386 | - | - | 52,386 |
| Total liabilities | - | - | - | - | - | - | 52,386 | - | - | 52,386 |
| Fund balances: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nonspendable | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 102,208 | 102,208 |
| Restricted | 780 | - | - | - | - | 100 | - | 39,900 | 23,578 | 64,358 |
| Committed | - | 178,292 | 4,625 | 77,627 | 14,913 | - | - | - | - | 275,457 |
| Assigned | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unassigned | - | - | - | - | - | - | (52,386) | - | - | (52,386) |
| Total fund balances | 780 | 178,292 | 4,625 | 77,627 | 14,913 | 100 | (52,386) | 39,900 | 125,786 | 389,637 |
| Total liabilities and fund balances | \$ 780 | \$ 178,292 | \$ 4,625 | \$ 77,627 | \$ 14,913 | \$ 100 | \$ - | \$ 39,900 | \$ 125,786 | \$ 442,023 |

Newbury Conservation Commission

Newbury Conservation Commission (NCC) serves as an advisory board to the Board of Selectmen, Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and town residents on environmental practices, laws and issues.

2015 Challenges

The NCC was deeply involved in several challenges regarding zoning compliance in the Shoreland Overlay Districts. These difficult compliance situations underscored the NCC's commitment to zoning compliance, watershed protection, ensuring a healthy buffer zone, appropriate tree cutting, and stormwater management practices. NCC remains dedicated to educating our community on local and state conservation/environmental practices. We strive to help property owners understand the cumulative impact that their day-to-day activities and construction plans may have on the watershed and surrounding water bodies. A disregard for zoning ordinances and permit requirements results in land erosion, watershed pollution, and water quality degradation.

What Can You Do? The NCC recommends that you take steps to prepare your property for stormwater runoff. That means the land must be able to soak up spring rains and snowmelt. Install infiltration areas in driveways and along rooflines by using pervious gravel. Check to see if your property has bare and/or eroded areas; if so, plant vegetation to soak up the water before it gets into streams or lakes. Need some help? We recommend the *A Shoreland Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management* published by DES and available on the DES website www.des.nh.gov.

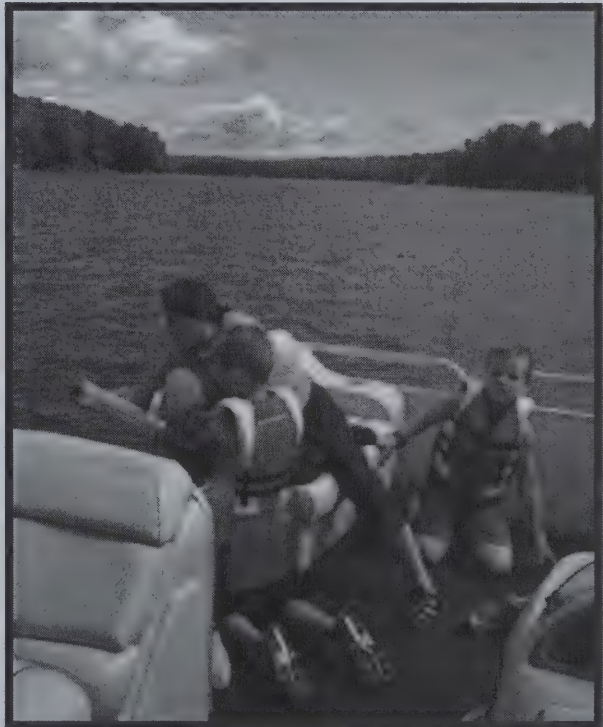
Also, we recommend checking with the Newbury Code Enforcement Officer and land use boards regarding all regulations pertaining to your property and/or construction project.

New NCC Hiking Trail Map

In 2015 NCC completed and published a new hiking trail map which is available at the Town Office, the library, Newbury Information Booth, Tackle Shack, and Quick Stop. Cost is \$1.00 and the map contains an informative narrative on all the trails in Newbury. Happy hiking!

Andrew Brook Trailhead

The Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF) has an immediate opportunity to permanently conserve the trailhead of the Andrew Brook Trail located off Mountain Road. This popular trail leads to Mount Sunapee and Lake Solitude. SPNHF is currently accepting any and all financial support to focus on this critical piece of property. You can donate by going to the website at www.forestsociety.org/AndrewBrookTrail. The NCC is in full support of SPNHF purchase of the Andrew Brook Trailhead!



Kathleen Stowell of LSPA exploring the waters with the Ecology Camp at the Fells.

Photo Courtesy Travis Dezotell

Wild Goose Boat Launch Project

NH Fish and Game received two DES permits for their construction of the proposed boat launch project at Wild Goose. The NCC shares concerns with the Board of Selectmen about the road safety issues on Route 103 surrounding this project. The egress to the proposed project presents serious safety issues for all vehicles travelling near that location. Concerns regarding the safety issues have been placed before officials from both NH Fish and Game and NH Department of Transportation (DOT). It is our hope that these serious safety issues can be resolved before the boat launch project is started. NH Fish and Game has indicated that construction on the project may begin in September 2016, pending receipt of federal funding.

2015 Permit and Application Reviews

NH Department of Environmental Services

- Shoreland Impact Permit: 7
- Minimum Impact Expedited Wetlands Permit: 0
- Wetlands and Non-Site Specific Permit: 5
- Permit by Notification (PBN): 0
- Complete Forestry Notifications: 1
- Dredge and Fill Permits: 0
- Notice of Invalid Permit by Notification: 1
- Letter of Deficiency: 1
- Letter of Compliance: 1
- Renewal of Groundwater Management Plan: 1

Town of Newbury

- Buffer Zone Cuts: 10
- Intent to Cut (Logging): 17
- Violations: 1
- Site reviews: as needed

Workshops & Training

NCC members maintain their expertise by attending workshops and conferences throughout the year. Following is a partial list of conferences and workshops attended in 2015:

- “Saving Special Places” (Ausbons Sargent Land Preservation Trust)
- NH Municipal Association Conference
- NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists (NHANRS)
- LSPA – Landscape Workshop
- NH Association of Conservation Commissions – 45th Annual Meeting & Conference
- NH Lakes Congress Annual Conference

Affiliations & Collaborations

NCC collaborates with the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) in their application process by submitting recommendations and approvals following site visits and reviews. We also support and actively work with our local lake association – Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), our local land trust – Ausbons Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), and our state-wide land trust – Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest (SPNHF). NCC’s membership in the NH Association of Conservation Commission (NHACC) keeps the NCC informed on statewide conservation issues, and environmental/conservation actions in state government. We also consult with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) on local and regional issues. NCC is a member of the NH Association of Natural Resource Scientist (NHANRS) which offers several educational workshops annually.

Our Thanks

We are very grateful to our citizens who are involved in conservation and we appreciate the wisdom by which they live. It takes a dedicated commitment and ongoing knowledge to keep our lakes blue and our mountains green. We applaud all who embrace the process needed to keep Newbury the

beautiful, unique and special place that it is. We are always seeking members to join our commission. If you are interested, please contact the town office.

Finally, my thanks to all the Commissioners, and to Meg Whittemore, recording secretary, for their dedication and vision.

Katheryn C. Holmes, Chair
Eric Unger, Vice Chair
Charles Crickman (retired December 2015)
Bob Stewart, Deane Geddes, Members
William Annable, Sue Russell, Alternates
Richard Wright, Ex-Officio



The colors of fall at Fire Pond.
Photo Courtesy Katheryn Holmes

Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of the 12 towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee region. The region includes Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 137 projects and protected 11,066 acres – including 14 working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands must provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire and the state consistently ranks in the top ten as one of the best places to live in the United States. Our clean water, scenic places, outdoor recreation, and open spaces contribute to this ranking.



*The colors of fall beginning to color the landscape.
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

These trails, many of which cross privately owned land, are open to hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. The website includes trail maps and driving directions. For more information on the existing and newly conserved properties, please visit our website at: www.ausbonsargent.org. Also, we invite you to visit our Facebook page.

Ausbon Sargent hosted numerous events in 2015 that were available to our members and the public to enjoy. Two of our popular fundraising events are the Progressive Dinner in July, hosted by members from Newbury, Sunapee and New London, and the Holiday Party in December. August witnessed the 4th Annual Kearsarge Klassic Bike Event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Cycling Club. We also held two Dragonfly Walks, a timber harvest demonstration, various walking trail events, and a winter snowshoe hike. We hope you will all come out at some point to experience the beauty of these special places.

Ausbon Sargent is pleased to have over 200 volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments, and clerical work. We are grateful to our easement volunteers who monitor our Newbury easements, including the Bensley/Bassi easement on Mountain Road, The Kidder Tract, and The Ring Brook/Audubon Society of NH easement, the Stoney Brook Project off of Chalk Pond Road, and the Wolf Trust and Levine/Vail easements off Route 103A. In May, we hosted a Volunteer Recognition Party in Sunapee as a thank-you to these loyal and talented volunteers. We are grateful to have so many giving members who provide financial support

During 2015 Ausbon Sargent completed four projects representing just over 207 acres; one in the town of Warner, one in New London, and two in Sunapee. Not long ago, in 2014, the Town of Newbury and Ausbon Sargent worked together on the Stoney Brook Project to put an easement on 143.7 acres on Chalk Pond Road. We look forward to future collaborations with Newbury, its Conservation Commission, and the townspeople who clearly find value in land preservation.

The Ausbon Sargent website shows which of the land trust's protected properties have trails open to the public.

and the countless hours which have assured our success. If you would like to join us in our work to protect these special places, you could become a conservation easement donor, support Ausbon Sargent financially, volunteer your time to the organization, and/or encourage the town officials throughout our 12-town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation. Most importantly, if you are not already, please consider becoming a member of Ausbon Sargent.

Deborah L. Stanley
Executive Director

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Lake Sunapee Protective Association

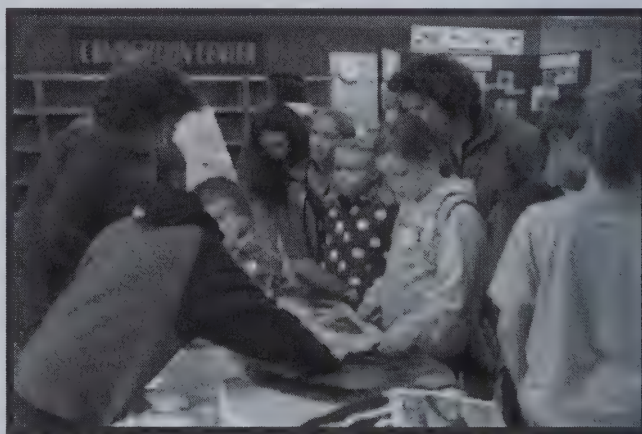
2015 was another busy year for Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) in lake and watershed protection, environmental education, and water science. LSPA continues to be the “go-to” resource for a wide range of inquiries, from lake and watershed issues, legislative concerns, and environmental property questions.

In 2015 LSPA:

- Added more programs to its environmental education in the three local school systems, as well as at libraries, LSPA’s Learning Center, and other locales.
- Hosted “Watershed Discovery Day” at the Mount Sunapee Resort for all 5th graders in the area. It was a day of learning and fun and may become a yearly event.
- Measured Lake Sunapee and its tributaries for continued trend analysis.
- Analyzed water samples from regional lakes and ponds at the LSPA lab housed at Colby Sawyer College. LSPA’s lab is a DES-certified lab and does 25% of the state’s VLAP water sample analysis.
- Inspected over 5,700 boats visiting Lake Sunapee through the LSPA Lake Host Program. There was one “save” this summer of an invasive milfoil removed from a boat at the State Beach boat ramp. Staff and volunteers combed the peripheral waters of Lake Sunapee for invasive species as well.
- Collaborated with partners on watershed issues, meeting with watershed towns, and Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Committee (UVLSRPC) on a potential watershed compliance process.
- Hosted presentations on lake quality, winter ice boating, how historical storms have affected Sunapee, Star sailboat history, fishing, and fireflies, to name a few.
- Love Your Lake Day and the Antique Boat Parade were extremely well-attended.
- Annual Full Moon (Super “Blood” Moon in 2015!) was again a full-boat activity and fun for all. Thank you to the Fentons for all their help.
- Staff members attended conferences to keep informed of the latest trends, particularly with regard to cyanobacteria, invasive species, and climate change effects on lakes.

Education

LSPA’s educational programs, including Watershed Discovery Day, continue to complement state educational curricula and are always free of charge. Classes from several schools visited LSPA’s Learning Center programs. The Trout-in-the-Classroom Program once again delighted school children, this year in five classes in four schools for K-6th grade students with requests for more fish tank installations.



*LSPA’s Watershed Discovery Day at Mount Sunapee.
Photo Courtesy Midge Eliassen*

Science

The water quality of Lake Sunapee continues to be good, with phosphorus and conductivity (aka saltiness) below the levels found in many lakes. However, water clarity is slowly on the decline. Of concern is Gloeotrichia, a form of cyanobacteria, which appears around July and lasts through mid-September. It was not seen in

heavy blooms this year, but continues to appear each year. Research is ongoing in an attempt to understand how this species multiplies and whether there are controls that might be implemented. This is why watershed protection is so important. LSPA staff attended the North American Lake Management Society conference in NY which focused on cyanobacteria and invasive species.

Aquatic invasives pose threats to local lakes and ponds and LSPA follows current methods of prevention and control. Fortunately, in-lake invasive milfoil did not raise its head again this year. Meanwhile, LSPA staff took plankton net pulls and analyzed the results for bivalve invasives with none found yet. The Clean, Drain, Dry prevention campaign continues.

Collaboration

LSPA works with partners such as Mount Sunapee Resort, Trout Unlimited, and NH Fish and Game on brook restoration. LSPA's solar project went live in springtime and the 8KW system has greatly reduced LSPA's electric grid usage.

Baby Loons!

Lastly, loons not only nested this year on Lake Sunapee, but also produced two chicks! This was quite the event! LSPA also had the unviable loon egg from the previous year analyzed through the Loon Preservation Committee. Some chemicals (pesticides, flame retardants, etc.) were found in the egg tissue in small amounts, but it is not known whether that caused the egg to not hatch.

Join Us

LSPA is a member-supported non-profit organization. Join us! We wish to thank all our members, volunteers, and the town of Newbury for their support.

It's all about the water!

*June Fichter
Executive Director*

Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKGC)

The SRKGC was founded in 1993 as an all-volunteer, non-profit organization established to promote hiking and land conservation. A 75 mile hiking trail forming a loop known as the SRK Greenway was built to link the most prominent peaks in the area – Mount Sunapee, Mount Ragged, and Mount Kearsarge.

The SRK 75-mile long Greenway extends through 10 towns with over 11 miles in Newbury. Entering the east side of town on Haynes Road, the SRKG trail passes through Stoney Brook Wildlife Sanctuary to Chalk Pond, traverses Bly Hill to the old Fisher Field settlement, then goes down Province Road to Newbury Harbor. The SRKG continues up Mount Sunapee via the Newbury and Lake Solitude trails to a magnificent view of Lake Solitude. The trail continues up and over the summit and down to the old Province Road on the Goshen/Newbury town line via the Summit Trail.

Much of the SRK trail passes through state and conservation land, but some private property is also incorporated to complete the trail system and would not exist were it not for the generosity of many landowners who grant permission for hikers to pass over their property.

The SRK Greenway is truly a community-based, all volunteer organization governed by an active Board of Directors which oversees trail maintenance work, a newsletter, a website (www.srkg.com), a trail guide book, a 3-season hiking schedule, and a March annual meeting. Our website features maps of the entire Greenway trail system and lists hike schedules and events, landowner information, membership details, and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire.

Hiking trails are an important feature of the regional tourism economy and an important benefit to the community. Preserving and maintaining a “green corridor” in Newbury and the surrounding towns has an enormous impact on recreational, economic and health benefits. To improve awareness of hiking trails SRK Greenway representatives continually meet with town boards, conservation commissions, and others including: Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), Society for the Preservation of NH Forests (SPNHF), Mount Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee, NH Trails Bureau, and the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee.

Please Note: I hold one of the two Town Director seats for Newbury on the SRK Greenway Board. If you are interested in volunteering for the other Newbury Director seat please contact me (603) 344-0287.

Come out and hike with us or explore the SRKG and all it has to offer.

*Nathan Richer
Town Director*

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC)

The UVLSRPC has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards since 1963. The UVLSRPC coordinates inter-municipal planning, acts as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies, and provides advisory technical assistance on development issues. The UVLSRPC serves 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan and Merrimack Counties.

The 2015 highlight was the adoption of the UVLSRPC Regional Plan which is available online at www.regionalplan.uvlsrpc.org. This plan is based on the most extensive public engagement process in the Commission's history and presents a bold vision for the future development of our region over the next 20 years.

Additional 2015 highlights include:

- Responding to more than 150 municipal requests for technical assistance.
- Coordinating four Household Hazardous Waste Collections that served over 1,000 households in the region.
- Coordinating with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) to develop the 2017-2026 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan. The Plan resulted in approved DOT projects totaling more than \$125 million over the next ten years in the UVLSRPC region.
- Completing more than 110 traffic counts across the region.
- Securing funding to conduct a feasibility study for a new transit service along the I-89 corridor linking New London and Grantham to Lebanon and Hanover.
- Assisting five communities in the region (Claremont, Newbury, Orford, Springfield and Wilmot) with circuit rider planning services.
- Assisting five communities (Washington, Newport, Grantham, Sunapee and Goshen) in updating their local Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- Assisting seven communities in the Sugar River watershed (Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Goshen, Grantham, Newport and Sunapee) in developing Fluvial Erosion Hazard appendices for their local Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- Assisting three communities (Unity, Washington and Claremont) in updating their Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- Assisting two communities (Grantham and Lebanon) in developing local culvert inventories.
- Providing administrative and staffing assistance to the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.

Please feel free to contact me at (603) 448-1680 or e-mail me at nmiller@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts. It is a pleasure to serve the municipalities of this region!

*Nathan Miller
Executive Director*

Veterans Memorial Committee

Veterans Committee activities were once again designed to provide Newbury with events that honor our country and its flag. Principal events were Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies. Both centered on flag events at the Veterans Memorial and both featured wreath-laying honors given to two Newbury Vietnam veterans, Marine SFC Francis Fogwill and Marine SGT Paul Fouliard. The Memorial Day event began with a community-wide pancake breakfast while the Veterans Day event was followed by a chowder-chili luncheon. Together, the two events drew several hundred people, many wearing insignia of previous military service. It was especially good to see dozens of children attending and it was touching to hear so many thank the veterans for their service.

Two memorable events also took place this year. A new 25-foot flagpole was installed at the Veterans Memorial. Funds for the flagpole were raised over the past year from Newbury townspeople. As a way of thanking everyone, the Veterans Day luncheon was offered to the community as a gift from the Newbury Veterans and the Veterans Associates. The second event was the initiation of a flag retirement ceremony during Old Home Day. With supervision from the Fire Department, a barrel of worn and discarded flags was retired, with proper dignity and ceremony, by Veterans Committee members. A blue barrel located in the shed at the Transfer Station is dedicated for the collection of flags destined for formal retirement every year.



Veteran Paul Fouliard at the wreath-laying ceremony on Veterans Day.

Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen

Other activities included leading the Independence Day Parade in South Newbury, staffing a Newbury Veterans booth during Old Home Day, handling the installation of additional bricks and pavers at the Veterans Memorial, attending ceremonies at local schools and cemeteries, and contributing to the maintenance of both the Veterans Memorial and the Veterans Hall.

As in past years, the Veterans Committee thanks the Town of Newbury, the Selectmen, Town Administrator, and Town Officials for their collective support. Further, the Committee extends a special thank-you to the Veterans Associates for hands-on service and work that has contributed immeasurably to our outreach to the community. We all look forward to another year of service to the Town of Newbury.

*Bruce Barton
Chair*

Old Home Day

2015 was our 10th Old Home Day and a makeover was in place to make it new and improved. It turned out to be a very successful day with a record number of attendees. The day was enjoyed by many residents and visitors.

The craft fair and farmers market was adjacent to Velie Playground and had vendors offering a variety of crafts and products as they enjoyed the live music that was provided by local talent. The morning started out with a hike on the Eagles Nest Spur Trail. At the town offices there was entertainment all day. There was the juggler on the unicycle, a balloon artist, dancers, snow dogs, a magician, a mime and a reenactment group. There was a new train in town and families enjoyed “riding the rails” all day. If you were brave, you could have a caricature sketched by one of the participating artists.

Visitors arrived throughout the day, including Smokey the Bear, the Upper Valley Humane Society, VINS Raptors, The Bug Club, and Central NH Model T Club. Instead of the usual dinner offered in past years, there were food trucks serving food to tempt the palate: Mexican, Cambodian, Barbeque, and offerings from our own local Marzelli’s Deli, and Salt Hill Pub.



*Our Lake Sunapee Idol judges.
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

Children enjoyed the climbing wall, the two bounce houses, a water slide, and an obstacle course. For the first time, local artists were able to exhibit their work on Old Home Day. The library had books for sale along with homemade strawberry shortcake.

Safety Services volunteers grilled hotdogs and hamburgers while encouraging folks to look over their safety services display, check out the fire engines, and inspect the ambulance. The Center Meeting house offered a presentation by Dudley Laufman and everyone was invited to cross the street for dancing at the Veterans Hall.

The harbor was busy with new events. Kayak and paddle board demonstrations were offered, along with pontoon boat rides given by our own assessor. Add to that all-day live entertainment featuring an afternoon concert with the Bruce Marshall Group, our very first Lake Sunapee Idol contest, and finishing up with a Beatles cover band, Studio Two. As always, the rubber duck race was watched by many spectators hoping to win one of the prizes.

The night ended with our 10th annual fireworks display – which were the best ones on the lake!

*Pam Bryk
Administrative Assistant*

**Town of Newbury, NH
Annual Town Meeting
March 10, 2015**

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The ballot boxes were examined and confirmed to be empty.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Voting on Article 1 of the town warrant began.

The business portion of the meeting was recessed until Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge - second floor - off Route 103 in Newbury.

Business Meeting - Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Election Officials were introduced.

Motion to accept the meeting minutes of Town Meeting March 11, 2014 as written was made and seconded.

VOTE: All in favor.

Moderator Marashio read the voting results from March 10, 2015.

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| Office of Selectman | Edward Thorson - 293 |
| Office of Selectman | Russell L. Smith - 237 |
| Town Clerk/Tax Collector | Linda Plunkett - 464 |
| Trustee of Trust Funds | Claire Vannatta - 434 |
| Library Trustee | Lynne Tuohy - 390 |
| Library Trustee | Lisa Correa - 295 |
| Supervisor of Checklist | Albert Bachelder - 423 |
| Planning Board | Bruce Healey - 374 |
| Planning Board | Robert Caia - 280 |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment | Peter Fichter - 400 |
| Cemetery Trustee | William Weiler - 19 (write-in) |
| Kearsarge Reg School Moderator | Brackett Scheffy - 417 |
| Newbury School Board Member | Janet Milanesi - 391 |
| Municipal Budget Committee | Robert Hemenway - 400 |
| Question 1 | A - 276 (*1176) B - 139 (*576) |
| Question 2 | Yes - 312 (*1311) No - 149 (*631) |
| Question 3 | Yes - 333 (*1417) No - 133 (*533) |
| Question 4 | Yes 349 (*1421) No - 118 (*527) |

*District wide

Selectman Wright thanked the Beautification Committee for their hard work and effort in preparing the ham and bean dinner prior to this meeting; he thanked the staff at Mount Sunapee for hosting this meeting; he thanked the budget committee and department heads for their hard work and dedication to keep the budget down; and also thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the various different projects throughout the year.

Selectman Wright read a proclamation honoring Dan Wolf for all his years of service in countless capacities on the fire department, various boards and committees.

Selectman Thorson read a proclamation honoring Wayne Whitford for all of his years of service in the safety services department and as web master for the Town's website.

Selectman Wright read a proclamation honoring Gary Budd for his twelve years of service to the town on the Board of Selectman and always being willing to step up to the plate and go the extra mile when necessary.

Moderator Marashio reviewed the rules of procedure for the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,660,435.00 for general operations.

Motion to adopt Article 2 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, reviewed the budget proposal line by line. He recognized Pam Bryk for her excellent work on preparing the Town Report.

Robert Lee, Police Chief, explained the changes in the Police Department budget, mostly increased due to personnel costs and insurances.

Henry Thomas, Fire Chief, explained the changes in the Fire Department budget, mostly due to personnel costs. There have also been an increased number of emergency calls and the fire department members are being reimbursed for required certifications instead of picking up those costs out of pocket.

David Smith, Forest Fire Warden, explained the changes in the Forest Fire budget. He explained that the Forestry Department is different from the Fire Department in that the Forestry Department members are appointed by the State. Budgeting is a challenge because you can never tell when or if the town will need forest fire funds, hopefully never. If there is a forest fire, the expense will more than likely be high, and mandatory.

Wayne Whitford, Emergency Management Director, explained that Emergency Management is much the same as the Forestry Department. It doesn't cost anything if there is not a crisis, but if there is, the funds need to be available. There is some mandatory training by the State coming up in 2015.

Calvin Prussman, Highway Administrator, explained that the increase in the Highway Maintenance budget is mostly due to personnel costs of insurance, more sweeping due to the extra sand that was necessary to put down this past winter, and a couple of major culvert repairs. The Highway Reconstruction plan is to finish Newell Road and purchase more gravel to upgrade the existing gravel roads.

Gail Bostic, Family Services Director, thanked all of the Newbury residents for their generosity especially during Christmas time.

Travis Dezotell, Parks and Recreation Director, stated his budget is flat other than absorbing 50% of the cost of an employee.

Liz Tentarelli, Library Trustee, stated the library budget increased due to the Youth Services Director working part-time to now working full time with benefits.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 2 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$231,000 to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectmen).

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| FIRE EQUIPMENT | \$110,000 |
| HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT | \$110,000 |
| RECREATION FACILITIES | \$ 11,000 |

Motion to adopt Article 3 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright explained that these amounts are saved each year to take away a spike in the tax rate if the need to purchase equipment arises suddenly.

Stephanie Spaulding asked for clarification regarding the balance and use of the capital reserve funds.

Mr. Pavlicek explained that money accumulates in the capital reserve accounts until the Town votes to take money out for the purchase of equipment. The Capital Improvement Committee has set up a schedule of equipment purchase/replacement, which is only a suggestion, but at least it gives the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee projections to consider.

Ms. Spaulding noted that last year there was the \$11,000+ in the Recreation Facilities budget, yet this year it only shows \$271.62. She asked where the \$11,000 from 2014 go.

Mr. Pavlicek explained that \$45,000 came out of the Capital Reserve fund for the second soccer field that was approved at Town Meeting.

Ms. Spaulding asked if a second soccer field was needed.

Selectman Thorson explained that a new field was installed in the fall but will not be ready to be used until August; and yes, the first field is consistently booked.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 3 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the Selectmen)

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| DOCKS | \$12,000 |
| TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT | \$ 6,000 |
| TOWN BUILDINGS | \$20,000 |
| MILFOIL CONTROL | \$ 5,000 |
| FD PERSONAL PROTECTION | \$10,000 |
| PAVING | \$50,000 |

Motion to adopt Article 4 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Budd explained that there was a \$10,000 increase in Town Buildings because the general maintenance of the buildings has increased. All other lines remain the same.

Paul MacVittie asked what criteria is used to decide which roads get paved and which road do not get paved. He explained the access road to the road he lives on is in poor condition and does not understand why a higher standard is imposed on a subdivision road than on the access road that leads to it.

Mr. Prussman explained that the schedule of road reconstruction is based largely on traffic counts and the existing condition of the road in question. The subdivision regulations dictate road design for developments not town roads. Some roads were subject to FEMA grants and were denied.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 4 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$158,250 for the purchase of a new loader, and furthermore to offset this amount by trading in the old loader for \$34,000 and to authorize the withdrawal o up to \$124,250 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended the Selectmen)

Motion to adopt Article 5 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Prussman explained that the 1998 John Deere Loader is in need of replacement. It currently has 9,000 hours and 29,000 miles and spends most of its working hours in salt or sand. The CIP

recommended it to be replaced at 17 years old, but due to the grader needing to be replaced first, the loader was put on the back burner until now.

Sandra Warde asked for an explanation regarding the CIP.

Mr. Pavlicek explained that the CIP projects out to the year 2022 to keep the equipment in good working order so there are no sudden unplanned expenditures that would negatively impact the tax rate. The funds are replenished as the years pass.

Mr. Pavlicek referred Ms. Ward to page 129 of the Town Report to view the CIP balances.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 5 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,577 for a one-ton pickup truck equipped with a plow and sander and furthermore to offset this amount by trading in the existing 2008 one-ton dump truck, estimated to be \$8000 and authorize the withdrawal of up to \$44,577 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommend by the Selectmen).

Motion to adopt Article 6 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Prussman explained that the 2008 Pick Up has 85,000 hard miles and is beginning to show signs of rust. The actual purchase price of the proposed new one-ton will probably be significantly lower than \$52,577.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 6 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for a concept study with survey and geotechnical study for new safety services facilities.

Motion to adopt Article 7 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Wright stated that several years ago there was a concept study done to develop the Town property also known as the Bald Sunapee Property and the Camacho Property. Now is the time the Board of Selectmen believe that concept should become a reality. The \$60,000 will cover the cost of a geotechnical study, drill wells, look at topography, survey boundaries for potential future development of a new fire and/or police station. The study is necessary due to probably ledge, wet soils or any other unforeseen complication for development.

Joe Spaulding commented that \$60,000 is a lot of money for a study that will only result in a conceptual plan. He asked if the Board had considered spending less money on altering the existing building to meet the needs of the department(s).

Selectman Wright commented that there is no room to expand the existing building on its existing lot. He stated that everything is still in a conceptual stage. The previous study is

available for review. The plan that is displayed this evening is one of the three concepts that the study committee came up with five years ago.

Linda Powell commented that three years ago when the previous study was conducted, well tests and a survey were done then.

Selectman Wright commented that when the land was purchased, there were no bore sample evaluated, only groundwater studies.

Ms. Powell suggested that it might be a better idea to know where a building might go before the Town goes to the expense of drilling holes everywhere.

Selectman Wright stated that from another perspective, it would be more useful to know what the subterrain is before we can plan where to build a building.

Ms. Powell commented that it seems as though if the vote is "yes, then there will be more buildings over there. Just because the Masterplan may have recommended a new safety services building, does not mean it is a law; it does not mean that the property has to be developed.

Selectman Wright stated that the study will give the Town valuable information regarding what can and cannot be done on that property beyond a conceptual basis. The drilling will be done all over the lot, not just in one building location.

Ms. Powell asked if the Board of Selectmen have hired a Construction Manager for the project.

Selectman Wright stated no. He explained that the Board has spoken with Peter Tenant in regard to the cost potential development. He quoted four million dollars in December then scaled back the plan and came up with 1.7 to 2 million dollars. Mr. Tenant suggested hiring a construction manager, but the Board said no because they want to put the project out to bid.

Patricia Sherman commented that it makes sense to do a geotechnical study. There is a process to follow when a new building is proposed. Geological information can tell where borings need to be done based upon soil conditions. RFP responses will give guidance as to how much money needs to be spent. A central energy plan will also benefit the town.

Selectman Wright stated that the Board is also considering a bioenergy source for the site.

Harry Seidel commented that he is in favor of study. He advised that a building that is proposed for this site as an emergency services building is much different in specifications and construction requirements, including foundation. An emergency services building needs to be able to survive a disaster (e.g. hurricane, earthquake, ice storm, etc), which means it has a different level of building code for structure. The money that is spent to find out what kind of foundation is needed will be money well spent.

Clay Rucker commented that one of the things was that there would be another committee formed prior to moving forward.

Clay Rucker made a motion to amend Article 7 to add the words '...contingent on the creation of a committee of oversight comprised of towns' people.' Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Steve Winter stated that the amendment should be more specific regarding the number of people on the committee.

Selectman Wright stated that it was not the intention of the Board of Selectmen to slight input, but merely trying to get the ball rolling. He commented that the Board fully intended to form a committee to oversee this proposal. If the project comes to fruition, it will be three to five years before any plans are ready for a vote. Additionally, he asked who will appoint the committee members of Mr. Rucker's motion.

Ms. Spaulding asked if this article could be tabled until the Town has a better understanding of the committee specifications.

Ms. Spaulding made a motion to table the amendment until the end of the evening so that an amendment can be clearly written. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Hal Krueger stated that he was on the original study committee and he feels the amendments are just muddying the water. He commented that we really don't need a committee; just turn it over to the experts and then decide what to do with the land.

VOTE on Ms. Spaulding's amendment: Majority not in favor. Motion failed. Discussion on Mr. Rucker's amendment continued.

Susie Riley commented that she does not believe the word 'contingent' is not grammatically correct.

Ms. Powell asked if \$60,000 was just for the tests.

Selectman Thorson affirmed that the \$60,000 would be just for tests, and the cost may not end up being that much.

Mr. Seaholm commented that the Board of Selectmen have asked for \$60,000 to do some underground tests. The amendment is asking for a committee to oversee the underground study, which doesn't make sense. He commented a committee is not necessary at this point, and we need to move forward.

Mr. Rucker made a motion to change the words of the amendment to read the words '...contingent on the creation of a committee of oversight comprised of a member from each department, six towns' people and the Board of Selectmen. Said committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.' Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Question was called.

Vote on calling the question: All in favor

VOTE on Mr. Rucker's motion to amend his amendment to Article 7: Majority not in favor. Amendment to amendment did not pass.

VOTE on Mr. Rucker's motion to amend Article 7: Majority not in favor. Amendment did not pass. Discussion on Article 7 as originally read followed.

Neal Kenney asked what happens if the study shows that the land is unbuildable

Selectman Wright commented that that is the purpose of the study - to find out if the land is developable. Once the reports come back, then they will be analyzed to determine if the land is buildable, where and to what degree. Plans can be drawn up based upon the findings, which would be presented to the Town for a vote. Approval of this article does not commit the Town to build anything.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 7 was adopted as originally read.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for a Town Office basement fire-proof document storage room.

Motion to adopt Article 8 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Selectman Thorson explained that last year there were several occurrences of water in the basement at the Town Office Building. There are many town records stored in that room, and there is also no adequate fire protection for those records.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 8 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

Motion to adopt Article 9 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Clayton Johnson, Trustee of Trust Funds, explained that House bill 297 authorizes trustees to contract with a private company of the Trustees' choosing to oversee the trust funds to maximize financial benefit to the Town by having the expertise to be more aggressive with investing for better returns. There is nothing in this article that commits the Town to contract. This article only authorizes the Trustees to do so.

VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 9 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will vote to make the following changes to the town ordinance on fireworks:

- 1. The town shall charge an application fee in the amount of \$25 to cover administrative costs.**
- 2. All permits shall be listed on the town website and the town bulletin board in the entrance to the town offices.**
- 3. Firework permits shall be limited to three permits per address per calendar year. (by petition)**

Motion to adopt Article 10 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Loa Winter explained that there has been an increased popularity for fireworks which has increased the frequency and intensity for fireworks, especially around the Lake. The noise from the fireworks is very disturbing to the peace and to natural habitats, and the fireworks are a fire hazard especially in densely populated and treed areas.

June Fichter stated that as a resident near the Lake, she hears fireworks being set off all hours of the night all throughout the summer 7 days/week. The chemical debris is pollution and trash, and is unhealthy for the natural resources. This article would not eliminate the use of fireworks, only limit it.

Wayne Seaholm commented that the proposed fireworks rules are very long and difficult to comply with. He commented that there are already fireworks rules in place, and he feels the solution would be to enforce the rules we have rather than making new ones that are only going to hurt the people who follow them and not the people who already abuse the existing rules.

Question was called.

VOTE on calling the question: All in favor.

VOTE: Majority against. Article 10 failed as read.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,600 to be placed in the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and authorize the transfer of \$2,600 from the December 31, 2014 undesignated fund balance for this purpose. Said sum represents the sale of cemetery lots in the prior fiscal year. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Motion to adopt Article 11 was made and seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Pavlicek explained that this article allows the money collected from the sale of cemetery lots this past year to go from the General Fund to the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 11 was adopted as read.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the Blodgett Landing Sewer Fund. (By petition) (Not recommended by the Selectmen)

Selectman Wright explained that Article 12 is not a legal article according to the Department of Revenues rules.

Selectman Wright made a motion to pass over Article 12. Motion was seconded.

VOTE: All in favor. Article 12 was passed over.

ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Marcia Surette commended the Highway Department for a fantastic job well done on the roads after a horrible winter. Members of the meeting showed their appreciation with a standing ovation for the Highway Department.

Mr. Prussman commended the Highway crew in turn, since he was injured for a good part of the winter.

Cindy Peterson commented that there are many people whose lives are disturbed by the noise of fireworks during the early morning hours. And, it is not only people, but pets and animals. She stated that when complaints are made, nothing seems to get done.

Selectman Wright stated that often times, by the time the police are able to respond to a location of fireworks being illegally set, the person responsible is already gone. He commented that if it keeps happening, then fireworks will have to be banned in Newbury altogether.

Katheryn Holmes suggested that perhaps the police could make use of the fire boat and cruise the lake at night to catch the abusers.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. All in favor.

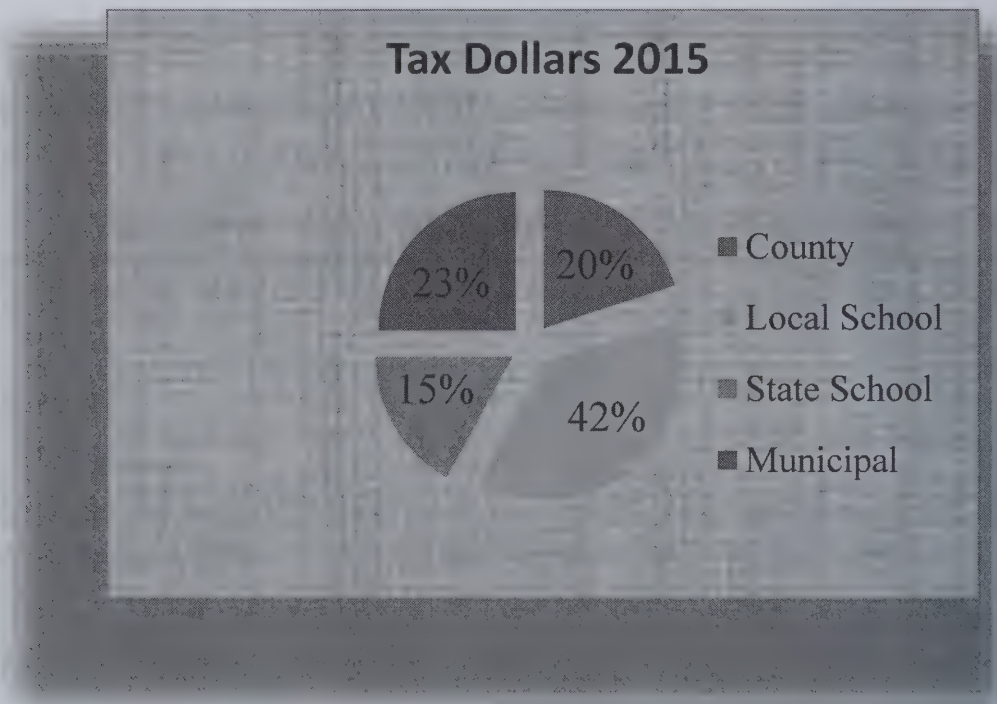
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

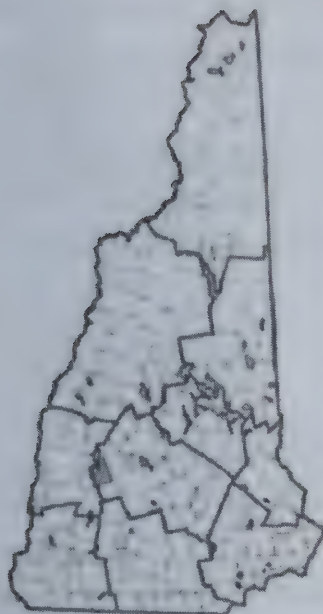
Linda Plunkett

Your Tax Dollars 2015

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| County | \$3.21 | 20% |
| Local School | \$6.82 | 42% |
| State School | \$2.42 | 15% |
| Municipal | \$3.83 | 23% |
| Total | \$16.28 | 100% |



Newbury, NH



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8 am - 4 pm

County

Merrimack

Labor Market Area

New London, NH LMA

Tourism Region

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

Planning Commission

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee

Regional Development

Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 2

State Senate

District 8

State Representative

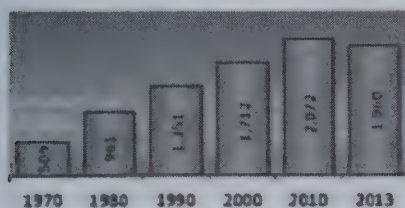
Merrimack County District 5

Incorporated: 1778

Origin: Situated at the south end of Lake Sunapee, this town has had many names. The original grant by the Masonian Proprietors in 1753 named it Dantzic, after the Baltic seaport. A separate grant on adjoining land, the first provincial grant in 1754, was called Hereford, in honor of Edward Devereaux, Viscount Hereford. The grant was renewed in 1772 as Fishersfield, after Governor John Wentworth's brother-in-law John Fisher, and included both the Dantzic and Hereford grants. Fishersfield was incorporated in 1778 upon request of residents. The name was changed to Newbury in 1837, as suggested by settlers originally from Newbury, Massachusetts.

Villages and Place Names: Blodgett Landing, Edgemont, Mount Sunapee, Pine Cliff, South Newbury, Box Corner, Chalk Pond

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 331 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Newbury totaled 1,618 over 53 years, from 342 in 1960 to 1,960 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was an 89 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, following a 49 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2013 Census estimate for Newbury was 3,960 residents, which ranked 140th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 54.7 persons per square mile of land area. Newbury contains 35.8 square miles of land area and 2.3 square miles of inland water area.



Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security October 2015 Community Response Received 6/25/2015

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| MUNICIPAL SERVICES | | |
| Type of Government | Selectmen | |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015 | \$4,282,862 | |
| Budget: School Appropriations, | Regional School District | |
| Zoning Ordinance | 1958/11 | |
| Master Plan | 2008 | |
| Capital Improvement Plan | Yes | |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | Planning Board | |

Boards and Commissions

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| Elected: | Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds |
| Appointed: | Conservation; Recreation |

Public Library Newbury Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Police Department | Full-time |
| Fire Department | Part-time |
| Emergency Medical Service | Part-time |
| Nearest Hospital(s) | Distance Staffed Beds |
| New London Hospital, New London | 8 miles 25 |

UTILITIES

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| Electric Supplier | Eversource Energy |
| Natural Gas Supplier | None |
| Water Supplier | Chalk Pond; private wells |
| Sanitation | Private septic & municipal |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | Limited |
| Solid Waste Disposal | None |
| Curbside Trash Pickup | No |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program | Voluntary |
| Recycling Program | Voluntary |
| Telephone Company | Fairpoint; TDS Telecom |
| Cellular Telephone Access | Limited |
| Cable Television Access | Yes |
| Public Access Television Station | Yes |
| High Speed Internet Service: | Business Limited |
| | Residential Limited |

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| PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration) | |
| 2014 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$15.49 |
| 2014 Equalization Ratio | 90.6 |
| 2014 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$14.00 |

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| 2014 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | 94.7% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 4.4% |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 0.8% |

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| HOUSING (ACS 2009-2013) | |
| Total Housing Units | 1,622 |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 1,571 |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | 37 |
| Five or More Units in Structure | 0 |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | 14 |

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| DEMOGRAPHICS | | (US Census Bureau) |
| Total Population | Community | County |
| 2013 | 1,960 | 146,807 |
| 2010 | 2,072 | 146,445 |
| 2000 | 1,712 | 136,716 |
| 1990 | 1,351 | 120,618 |
| 1980 | 961 | 98,302 |
| 1970 | 509 | 80,925 |

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013

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| Population by Gender | | | |
| Male | 983 | Female | 977 |

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| Population by Age Group | |
| Under age 5 | 120 |
| Age 5 to 19 | 295 |
| Age 20 to 34 | 208 |
| Age 35 to 54 | 579 |
| Age 55 to 64 | 356 |
| Age 65 and over | 402 |
| Median Age | 48.0 years |

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| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over | |
| High school graduate or higher | 98.1% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 67.6% |

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| INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2009-2013) | |
| Per capita income | \$33,997 |
| Median family income | \$78,750 |
| Median household income | \$70,000 |

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| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | |
| Male | \$55,991 |
| Female | \$41,563 |

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| Individuals below the poverty level | 6.6% |
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| LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI) | |
| Annual Average | 2004 2014 |
| Civilian labor force | 1,063 1,118 |
| Employed | 1,037 1,082 |
| Unemployed | 25 36 |
| Unemployment rate | 2.4% 3.2% |

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| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI) | |
| Annual Average Covered Employment | 2004 2014 |
| Goods Producing Industries | |
| Average Employment | 21 153 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 709 \$1,034 |
| Service Providing Industries | |
| Average Employment | 461 2,307 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 324 \$ 820 |
| Total Private Industry | |
| Average Employment | 482 2,462 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 341 \$ 834 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | |
| Average Employment | 37 226 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 534 \$ 697 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | |
| Average Employment | 519 2,688 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 355 \$ 822 |

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE
 Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional (Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot) District: SAU 63
 Career Technology Center(s): Concord Regional Technical Center Region: 11

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) Elementary Middle/Junior High High School Private/Parochial
 Number of Schools
 Grade Levels
 Total Enrollment

Nearest Community College: River Valley
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: Colby-Sawyer; Northeast Catholic College

2015 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: 0 Total Capacity: 0

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Mount Sunapee Resort | Recreation area | 150+ | 1947 |
| Best Western Sunapee Lake Lodge | Motel | 25 | 2000 |
| Baker Hill Golf Club | Golf Course | 20+ | 2002 |

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)
 Road Access US Routes
 State Routes 103, 103A, 103B
 Nearest Interstate, Exit I-89, Exits 12 - 12A
 Distance 8 miles; 10 miles

Railroad No
 Public Transportation No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
 Parlin Field, Newport Runway 3,450 ft. asphalt
 Lighted? No Navigation Aids? No

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
 Lebanon Municipal Distance 34 miles
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 1

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH 47 miles
 Portland, Maine 132 miles
 Boston, Mass. 97 miles
 New York City, NY 270 miles
 Montreal, Quebec 218 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2009-2013)
 Workers 16 years and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van 84.1%
 Carpooled, car/truck/van 4.6%
 Public transportation 0.0%
 Walked 1.5%
 Other means 0.6%
 Worked at home 9.1%
 Mean Travel Time to Work 29.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013
 Working in community of residence 25.8
 Commuting to another NH community 65.6
 Commuting out-of-state 8.6

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS
 X Municipal Parks
 YMCA/YWCA
 Boys Club/Girls Club
 X Golf Courses
 X Swimming: Indoor Facility
 X Swimming: Outdoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
 X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
 Bowling Facilities
 X Museums
 Cinemas
 Performing Arts Facilities
 X Tourist Attractions
 X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
 Youth Sports: Baseball
 X Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
 X Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
 X Campgrounds
 X Fishing/Hunting
 X Boating/Marinas
 X Snowmobile Trails
 X Bicycle Trails
 X Cross Country Skiing
 X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
 Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee

Other: Falls Historic Site; Stoney Brook Sanctuary; NH Craftsman Fair

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RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2015-12/31/2015

--NEWBURY--

| Child's Name | Birth Date | Birth Place | Father's/Partner's Name | Mother's Name |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| SANBORN, ASHTON JAMES | 01/21/2015 | LEBANON, NH | | SANBORN, JESSIE |
| STRATTON, ODIN RORHMAN ARTHUR | 05/05/2015 | LEBANON, NH | STRATTON, PADRIAC | ELLISON, CHANTEL |
| STRATTON, ADELINE IVY CRYSTAL | 05/05/2015 | LEBANON, NH | STRATTON, PADRIAC | ELLISON, CHANTEL |
| PRESCOTT, SAWYER ROBERT | 06/11/2015 | CONCORD, NH | PRESCOTT, COREY | PRESCOTT, STACIE |
| COLE, NATALIE MARIE | 06/17/2015 | CONCORD, NH | COLE, PAUL | COLE, DANIELLE |
| DAVIDSON, MAGGIE RYDER | 07/07/2015 | CONCORD, NH | DAVIDSON, PADRAIC | DAVIDSON, JESSICA |
| BOYER, THEODORE CREED | 07/09/2015 | LEBANON, NH | BOYER, ERIC | WEBB, ERICA |
| LAFRANCE, ARIA DANIELLE-LYNN | 07/27/2015 | PETERBOROUGH, NH | LAFRANCE, DARCY | LAFRANCE, NICOLE |
| SARITELLI, VIOLET LUCILLE | 07/28/2015 | LEBANON, NH | SARITELLI, DAVID | SARITELLI, EMILY |
| OATES, JOSEPHINE ALICE | 06/07/2015 | CONCORD, NH | OATES, MATTHEW | ANGELI, KRISTEN |
| JOHNSON, EDWARD RICHARD | 09/02/2015 | LEBANON, NH | | JOHNSON, ELIZABETH |

Total number of records 11

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

-- NEWBURY --

| Person A's Name and Residence | Person B's Name and Residence | Town of Issuance | Place of Marriage | Date of Marriage |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| ELLISON, CHANTEL C NEWBURY, NH | STRATTON, PADRIAC J NEWBURY, NH | NEW LONDON | NEW LONDON | 05/11/2015 |
| BERGERON, KENNETH N NEWBURY, NH | RICKER, STEPHANIE L NEWBURY, NH | NEWBURY | SUNAPEE | 05/16/2015 |
| BOWMAN JR, JOHN F NEWBURY, NH | KETTELER, CLAIRE A NEWBURY, NH | NEWBURY | ELKINS | 06/27/2015 |
| POIRIER, SCOTT D NEWBURY, NH | CHADWICK, MARY E NEWBURY, NH | NEWBURY | SUTTON | 07/04/2015 |
| WHITAKER, ROGER W NEWBURY, NH | COLLINS, JUDITH M NEWBURY, NH | NEWBURY | NEWBURY | 07/31/2015 |
| FISHER JR, RAYMOND C NEWBURY, NH | RICHMOND, BARBARA J NEWBURY, NH | NEWBURY | NEWBURY | 09/05/2015 |
| DUKE, ADAM S LEMINGTON, VT | DICKEY, ABIGAIL L NEWBURY, NH | NEWBURY | NEW LONDON | 09/12/2015 |
| ALKATHIRI, JOSEPH L NEWBURY, NH | PARENT, KRISTI L NEWBURY, NH | NEWBURY | NEW LONDON | 09/12/2015 |
| BALLA, LYLE K NEWBURY, NH | PEREDES-FELIX, MARIA T NEWBURY, NH | NEWBURY | NEWBURY | 10/29/2015 |
| FOULIARD, PAUL E NEWBURY, NH | WAYLAND, ADRIAN F HENNIKER, NH | NEWBURY | NEWBURY | 11/13/2015 |

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

--NEWBURY, NH --

| Decedent's Name | Death Date | Death Place | Father's/Parent's Name | Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union | Military |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|--|----------|
| PARKHURST, PAULINE | 01/04/2015 | LEBANON | CRAWFORD, ERNEST | HURD, DOROTHY | N |
| BROCHU, MICHAEL | 03/13/2015 | NEWBURY | BROCHU, LAWRENCE | UNKNOWN, ARLENE | N |
| DOBROSIELSKI, ROSE | 03/14/2015 | NEWPORT | DOBROSIELSKI, THADDEUS | KAFCHINSKI, ALICE | N |
| LYNN, ALICE | 03/26/2015 | NEW LONDON | CROTEAU, JOSPEH | DUDDY, BRIDGET | N |
| MARKIE, SHIRLEY | 04/22/2015 | NEWBURY | MAGOON, EARL | KINZLER, ELSIE | N |
| AHLSTROM, RUTH | 05/13/2015 | CONCORD | FOSDICK, ROBERT | DAVIS, EDNA | N |
| CUNNINGHAM III, WILLIAM | 06/18/2015 | NEWBURY | CUNNINGHAM JR, WILLIAM | PARDEE, ADELE | N |
| HOSMER, CHARLES | 07/29/2015 | NEW LONDON | HOSMER SR, GEORGE | NYE, HAZEL | N |
| MARTIN, CHESTER | 08/10/2015 | NEWBURY | MARTIN, RAY | RAND, FANNIE | Y |
| SIMPSON-ALLARD, BAYLEE | 10/23/2015 | NEWPORT | SIMPSON, JERRY | ALLARD, ROBIN | N |
| FRIESE, RUSSELL | 11/12/2015 | NEW LONDON | FRIESE, HEINZ | IMBROGNA, LUCY | N |
| ASHWORTH, WINTHROP | 11/16/2015 | NEWBURY | ASHWORTH, FRED | PARKER, MINNIE | Y |
| GERDON, HELEN | 11/30/2015 | NEWBURY | FUTRELL, NORMAN | OBERFELL, HELEN | N |

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Newbury Service Directory

ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

After calling for Emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

FIRE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency).....763-4403
POLICE STATION (non-emergency).....763-4104
POLICE DISPATCH.....763-2221

Selectmen's Office **763-4940 ext. 202**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 12-Noon

Selectmen meet every two weeks
on a rotating schedule of
Monday nights at 6:00 p.m.
at the Town Office.
See posted meeting schedules for dates.
Fax: 763-5298
www.newburynh.org
E-mail: townadmin@newburynh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office **763-5326**

Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(Closed from 12-Noon – 1:00 p.m.)

Code Enforcement Officer **763-4940 ext. 203**

Appointments Recommended

Monday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Library **763-5803**

Sunday: 12-Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Monday: 12-Noon – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Transfer Station

763-2289

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Land Use and Assessing Administrator

763-4940 ext. 201

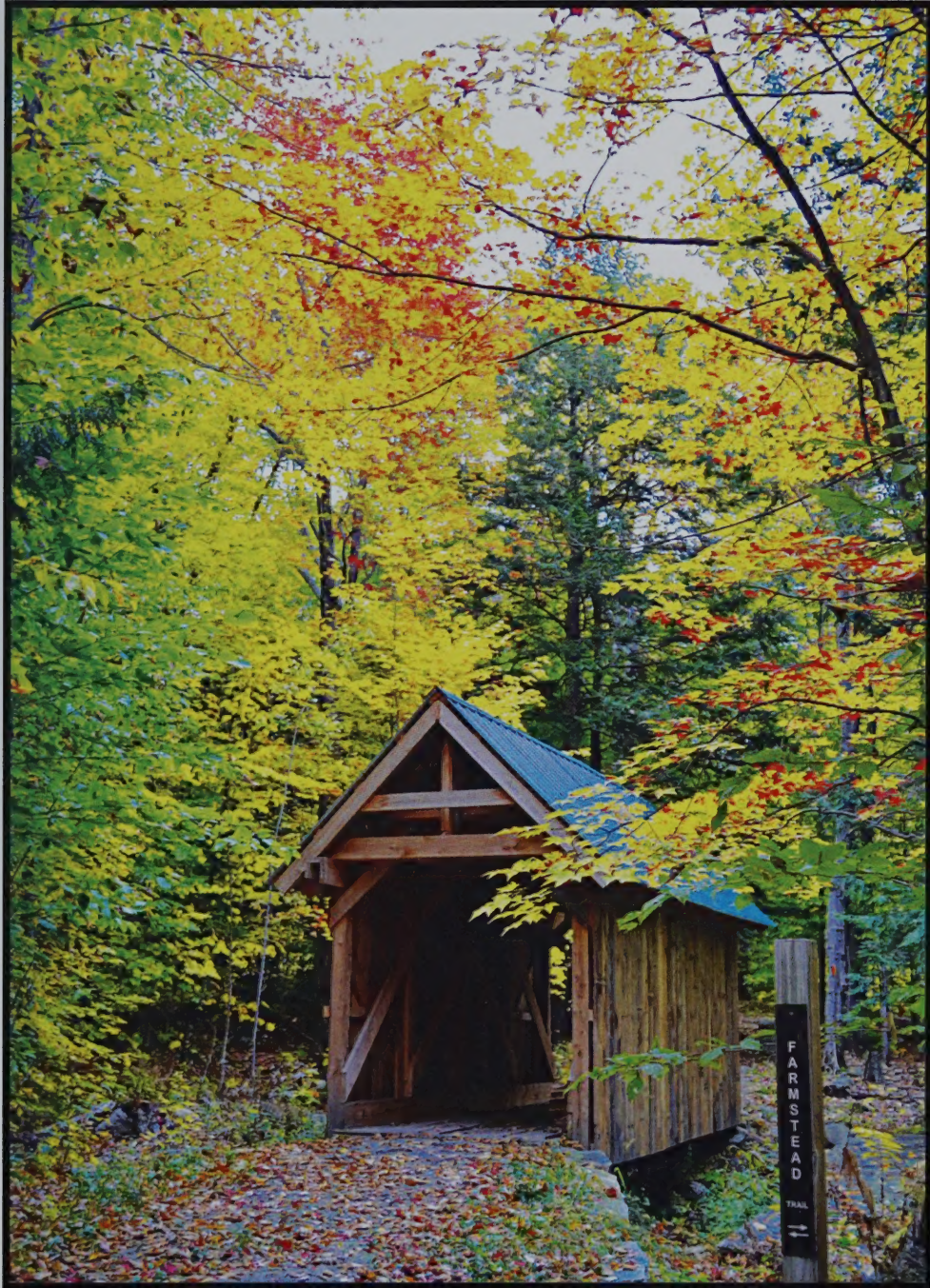
Call for Zoning and Planning Board information.

Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m.
on the third Tuesday of the month at the
Town Office.

Zoning Board meets on an “as needed” basis
on the second Monday of the month at the
Town Office.

Forest Fire Warden: Dave Smith938-5925

Town Highway Department938-5494



The covered bridge at Fisherfield Park.
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